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Yau-mai	6.50	9.24	10.40	1.25	4.05	6.40	9.14	11.50
Shatin	7.05	9.39	10.55	1.40	4.20	6.55	9.29	12.05
Tai-po	7.15	9.49	11.05	1.50	4.30	7.05	9.39	12.15
Tai-po Market	7.31	9.55	11.21	2.06	4.46	7.21	9.55	12.31
Fanning	7.39	10.03	11.29	2.14	4.54	7.29	10.03	12.39
Shenzhen	7.50	10.14	11.40	2.25	5.05	7.40	10.14	12.50
Shenzhen	7.59	10.23	11.49	2.34	5.14	7.49	10.23	12.59

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Shenzhen	7.59	10.23	11.49	2.34	5.14	7.49	10.23	12.59
Shenzhen	8.09	10.33	11.59	2.44	5.24	7.59	10.33	13.09
Fanning	8.17	10.41	12.07	2.52	5.32	8.07	10.41	13.17
Tai-po	8.25	10.49	12.15	3.00	5.40	8.15	10.49	13.25
Tai-po Market	8.41	10.65	12.31	3.16	5.56	8.31	10.65	13.41
Fanning	8.49	10.73	12.39	3.24	6.04	8.39	10.73	13.49
Shenzhen	8.59	10.84	12.49	3.35	6.15	8.49	10.84	13.59
Shenzhen	9.08	10.93	12.58	3.44	6.24	8.58	10.93	14.08

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	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
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Yau-mai	6.50	9.24	10.40	1.25	4.05	6.40	9.14	11.50
Shatin	7.05	9.39	10.55	1.40	4.20	6.55	9.29	12.05
Tai-po	7.15	9.49	11.05	1.50	4.30	7.05	9.39	12.15
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Fanning	7.39	10.03	11.29	2.14	4.54	7.29	10.03	12.39
Shenzhen	7.50	10.14	11.40	2.25	5.05	7.40	10.14	12.50
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Shenzhen	8.09	10.33	11.59	2.44	5.24	7.59	10.33	13.09
Shenzhen	8.19	10.43	12.09	2.54	5.34	8.09	10.43	13.19
Fanning	8.27	10.51	12.17	3.02	5.42	8.17	10.51	13.27
Tai-po	8.35	10.59	12.25	3.10	5.50	8.25	10.59	13.35
Tai-po Market	8.51	11.15	12.41	3.26	6.06	8.41	11.15	13.51
Fanning	8.59	11.23	12.49	3.34	6.14	8.49	11.23	14.09
Shenzhen	9.08	11.34	12.58	3.45	6.25	8.58	11.34	14.18
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WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY. LOCAL COMMUNICATION.

The following account of deliberations by the Chamber of Commerce during 1924, on the subject of Wireless Telegraphy appears in the Annual Report just published:—

Much consideration has been given during 1924 to the question of wireless communication. It was noted in the Chairman's address at the last annual meeting that Cape D'Aguiar was then communicating with Canton, Kwong Chow Wan and Swatow, but the effectiveness of this service is seriously reduced by various hindrances such as slowness of delivery at the other end, and the fact that messages can only be received during the hours that the Post Office in Hongkong is open. This latter fact often causes considerable delays at the end of the week and the Committee has suggested to the Government that, in view of the extent of "ship to shore" traffic, arrangements should be made whereby messages can be received and delivered in Hongkong, at least, at any time during the twenty-four hours.

Early in the year the Government forwarded to the Chamber an interesting memorandum by Mr. L. H. King, the Government Electrical Engineer in charge of wireless, on some local and general considerations concerning wireless telegraphy. Under date 26th January, 1924, Mr. King emphasised the exceptional "atmospheric" conditions in Hongkong, which are very prevalent practically all round the world at this latitude from April until September. Another difficulty is jamming by ships of war and by other stations. Mr. King continued:—

A point that appears to need defining are the various classes of stations, as it is evident that confusion exists in many minds. Stations may be classed briefly under the following heads:—(1) Coast Stations. (2) Inland Stations. (3) Medium Power Stations. (4) High Power Stations.

By these terms are meant:—
(1) Coast Station.—A station which is primarily designed for communication with ships at sea, and is represented in this Colony by D'Aguiar.

(2) Inland Station.—A station whose primary function is to communicate with other land stations; these stations are designed with ranges of from 30 miles to 300. It is an inland type that is required to cover communications to Canton, etc.

(3) Medium Power Station.—A station built to work with another intermediate station, or to act as a feeder station to a High Power Station and usually given a certain 1,000/2,000 miles range. This station is represented in this Colony by Stonecutters. Such a station would range Manila, Shanghai and Singapore for commercial traffic.

(4) High Power Station.—A station primarily built for direct communication between distant Colonies and their home Governments. This type, for successful working, requires a large amount of preliminary arrangement, as the initial outlay is so heavy that ample time must come to hand, and it must have a station equal to itself in power, organisation, and standing, to work with at the opposite end of route.

Stations of the first, second and third types have grown up all over the world, and their usefulness is appreciated and recognised by the authorities dealing with arrangements for the high power chain, and it may be taken that local traffic will be collected by stations of the first and second type, despatched by the third type, working intermediate stations, and by the fourth type for direct communication with the home country.

In criticising the Wireless Telegraphic arrangements of the Colony, certain conditions which apply to radio-communication generally are sometimes overlooked. For example, it has been freely stated that D'Aguiar cannot work a ship at 400 miles, the blame being thrown on the Government or the staff of the station when the real cause was that the power of the Ship station was not equal to that of D'Aguiar, the range of a Coast Station being the range of its plant when working with a station of equal power.

In further notes, Mr. King wrote that where landline and cable facilities to neighbouring trade centres are insufficient an inland station and a medium power station should be considered, but the difficulty is obtaining co-operation, with the authorities at the other end of the route.

ANTI-PIRACY TRANSMITTER.

At this time also the Government forwarded for the consideration of the Chamber copies of a statement by the Marconi International Communication Co., with regard to an anti-piracy wireless transmitter which the Captain Superintendent of Police, the Harbour Master and the Electrical Engineer agreed might prove of considerable value as a protection against piracy. It was suggested by the Government that the Shipping Companies mainly interested might acquire a number of sets for experimental purposes in the first instance, and that, if experience proved the value of the apparatus as a protection against piracy, its provision might later be made compulsory.

It may be undesirable to publish a full description of the apparatus, but, stated briefly, it is contained in a bullet proof steel case and will operate itself as soon as a button is pressed, continuing to operate for a considerable period. The Chamber suggested to the Government that a set should be purchased for experimental purposes. This has now been done and the apparatus is being tested under ordinary working conditions on a local steamer.

WIRELESS ON ALL SHIPS.

On the 7th June the Government wrote to the Chamber, again raising the question of compulsory installations on British ships on the China Coast, which has occupied the attention of the Chamber from time to time since the year 1921. The Government requested the views of the Chamber on the suggestion that steps should now be taken for the introduction of some scheme on the lines of the Merchant Shipping (Wireless Telegraphy)

Act 1919, modified to suit the special circumstances of the China Coast. Enclosures to this letter were copy of a letter from the Foreign Office, forwarded by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, referring to a recommendation made by a Naval Court at Shanghai which enquired into the loss of the s.s. *Mylio*, that the fitting of wireless telegraph installations to sea-going British ships registered at Shanghai should be made compulsory. The Secretary of State added that as simultaneous legislative action at Shanghai and Hongkong was suggested he requested the Colonial Government to consider the matter in consultation with His Majesty's Minister at Peking.

In referring this matter to the Chamber, the Colonial Government enclosed a Minute of a conference held at Shanghai on the 24th April, 1924, at which were present:—Sir Skinner Turner, Judge of His Majesty's Supreme Court for China; Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., Attorney General, Hongkong; Mr. S. Barton, His Majesty's Consul-General and Registrar of Shipping, Shanghai; Mr. W. E. Sheppard, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited and Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire.

Messrs. Sheppard and Shaw stated that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company and the China Navigation Company were already preparing to install wireless on their coastal steamers plying on routes where large numbers of passengers were carried and had established at Hongkong a school for training Chinese British subjects as operators. Reference was made to the correspondence which has passed between the Harbour Master and the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce in 1921 on the subject of the adoption at Hongkong of the Merchant Shipping (Wireless Telegraphy) Act 1919 and Messrs. Sheppard and Shaw added that in regard to coasting vessels running out of Shanghai and other China ports their views were in agreement with those expressed by the Hongkong Chamber.

In a letter to the Government dated 7th September, 1921, the Chamber urged that the proposed legislation should not penalise British shipping; i.e., should not be so onerous as to cause foreign shipping to avoid Hongkong, or to place British shipping at a disadvantage compared with foreign vessels entering the Port; also that the employment of Asiatic operators and watchers should be permitted even though the Asiatics might not be British subjects.

They objected to the adoption of the provisions of the 1919 Act for the following reasons:—

(1) The classification of ships on the basis of the nature of the voyage for the purpose of determining the type of apparatus and number of operators to be carried was not suited to the peculiar conditions prevailing on the China Coast.

(2) The expense involved in the employment of white operators would be prohibitive and the introduction of such men would be demoralising to the crews, as it would be impossible to find sufficient work for the operators to do.

(3) The ships to be affected by the legislation are running solely in Asiatic waters and in competition with Asiatic-owned shipping.

They therefore considered the modifications in the home procedure suggested by the Hongkong Harbour Master and Chamber of Commerce as essential in the event of any application of the 1919 Act to British shipping on the China Coast and in particular they urged representations by the British Government in favour of corresponding legislation by the Governments of Japan and China, in order to minimise the penalizing of British ships in their competition with the vessels of these countries, and also the removal of the restriction regarding the British nationality of the Asiatic operators to be employed.

The last point is of importance in the case of ships running out of Shanghai as Southern Chinese will not work with the Northern crews and a second school for operators will be necessary at Shanghai where Chinese of British nationality are not obtainable as students.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that the shore stations on Chinese territory were few in number and of doubtful efficiency.

The question of the type of apparatus which might be held adequate under local conditions was not discussed at the Conference, as no technical information was available.

In replying to the Government under dated 10th July 1924, the Chamber again stated its views, and pointed out that some considerable time must still elapse before trained operators, the product of the School established by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., with the co-operation of the Government, would be available in adequate numbers to operate on vessels to which legislation would apply. The Committee, therefore, hoped that legislation might be deferred until matters were further advanced and there was international agreement upon this subject.

EXTENSION OF WIRELESS.

The Committee has also had under consideration the question of interference by wireless operators of various nationalities transmitting in an irregular manner; also wireless in connection with weather reports, and is at present considering the directions in which wireless communication could be usefully extended, e.g., locally, within a five hundred mile radius, among the waters of Hongkong and places like Singapore, Shanghai, and Manila, and high power long distance communication with, for example, Australia, Aden and so on. The importance of bringing a part of this importance fully up-to-date from a wireless point of view is fully realised, and the Committee is rendering the Government every assistance in its power in arriving at a solution of the many intricate problems involved—a solution rendered the more difficult of accomplishment by the fact that conditions are continually changing because of the rapid scientific development of wireless telegraphy. The fact that a wireless station is only effective provided there is a station of equal power and efficiency at the other end has also an important bearing as far as China is concerned.

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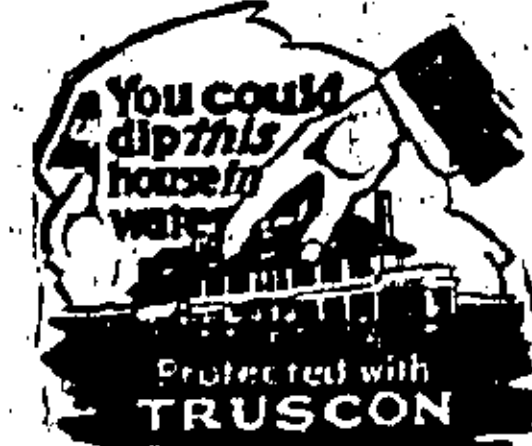
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts' weekly
share report, dated March 20th, states:

The market continues active and a
large business has been put through.
Many rises have occurred, but rates have
broken in a few cases, no doubt effected
by the Settlement due in a few days,
but on the whole the market is quite
firm.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
have weakened a little, with sellers at
\$1.255 after sales at \$1.240. The Sterling
price remains the same at \$1.40.

Marine and Fire Insurance.—Unions
have further strengthened and can be
placed at \$225. Both Cantons and Yang-
tzes are in demand at quotations with
no sellers in evidence. Hongkong Fires
are weaker with sellers at \$700 and a
lower offer would probably be accepted.
China Fires continue in request at \$195.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton & Macao
Steamboats are easier, but have buyers
at \$34. "Star" Ferries have been in
strong demand and after sales in the
early part of the week at \$80 have ad-
vanced to \$84. Douglas Steamships are
obtainable at \$38. The Company has
declared a dividend of 8 per cent. (\$4
per share).

Refineries.—China Sugars experienced
a smart rise and were bought up to \$71,
but are weak at the close. Malabons
remain at \$40 with no business to report.

Oils and Mining.—Langkats (combined)
have further strengthened and according
to latest advices from Shanghai there are
buyers there at Tls. 25. The "Single"
shares are also higher at Tls. 11½ and
the Explorations have changed hands at
Tls. 6. Benguet are slightly easier with
no buyers over P. 2.65.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hong-
kong and Whampoa Docks have again
receded and are offering at \$12. There
has been a smart rise in Shanghai Docks
and orders have come from the Northern
port to buy at Tls. 125. Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharves have buyers at the re-
duced rate of \$186. Hongkew Wharves
are better at Tls. 200. New Engineerings
are steady at Tls. 94.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong-
kong Lands have been sold to a large
extent between \$80 and \$92. Hum-
phreys' Estates were sold at \$20/201.
Hongkong Hotels had a further setback
to \$15, but at this price a strong demand
set in and there are now buyers at \$16½.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Elec-
trics have again been largely dealt in and
have recovered the amount of the divi-
dend, viz. \$250 paid on the 16th instant.
China Lights "combined" show a further
rise and were sold at \$31½. The "old"
shares were sold separately at \$23, and
the "new" have buyers at \$16½. Hong-
kong Tramways have been in great de-
mand since the issue of the bonus shares,
and both old and new, which rank the
same for dividend, have been sold at \$34.
The market is very strong, with enquiry
for shares at \$35.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements
have again been largely dealt in and close
with buyers at \$35½. Dairy Farms are in
demand and sales have been made up to
\$26. Hongkong Ropes are dull and offer-
ing at \$50. China Providents "com-
bined" are enquired for at \$25½. Canton
tees are in some demand at \$7. Con-
stitutions are weak with sellers at \$7.
China Omnibuses have advanced to Tls.
12½.

Forward Settlement Days.—March 21st
(Tuesday), April 25th (Tuesday), May
26th (Tuesday), and June 23rd (Tuesday).
Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London
today is 2/3¼ and on Shanghai 73½.

RECENT FINANCIAL SAYINGS.

The art of business, like all other arts,
is the art of selection.—*Lord Bunsford.*
In a conflict between patriotism and
percentage, percentage scores every time.
—*Dr. Drummond Shields, M.P.*

The very greatest of all social reform
is to get trade going right and to get
people back to work.—*Sir Philip Cun-
liffe-Lister.*

There were immediately after the war
what I may call two Sagas—the Saga of
the Millions and the Saga of the Mil-
lennium.—*Lord Bradbury.*

A Frenchman said to me, "You in
England will never prosper again unless
you cease" paying people for doing
nothing.—*Mr. Lloyd-George.*

As comparatively modest men we are
almost satisfied if we earn profits, pay
reasonable dividends, and present sound
balance-sheets.—*Mr. Walter Payne.*

CINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.

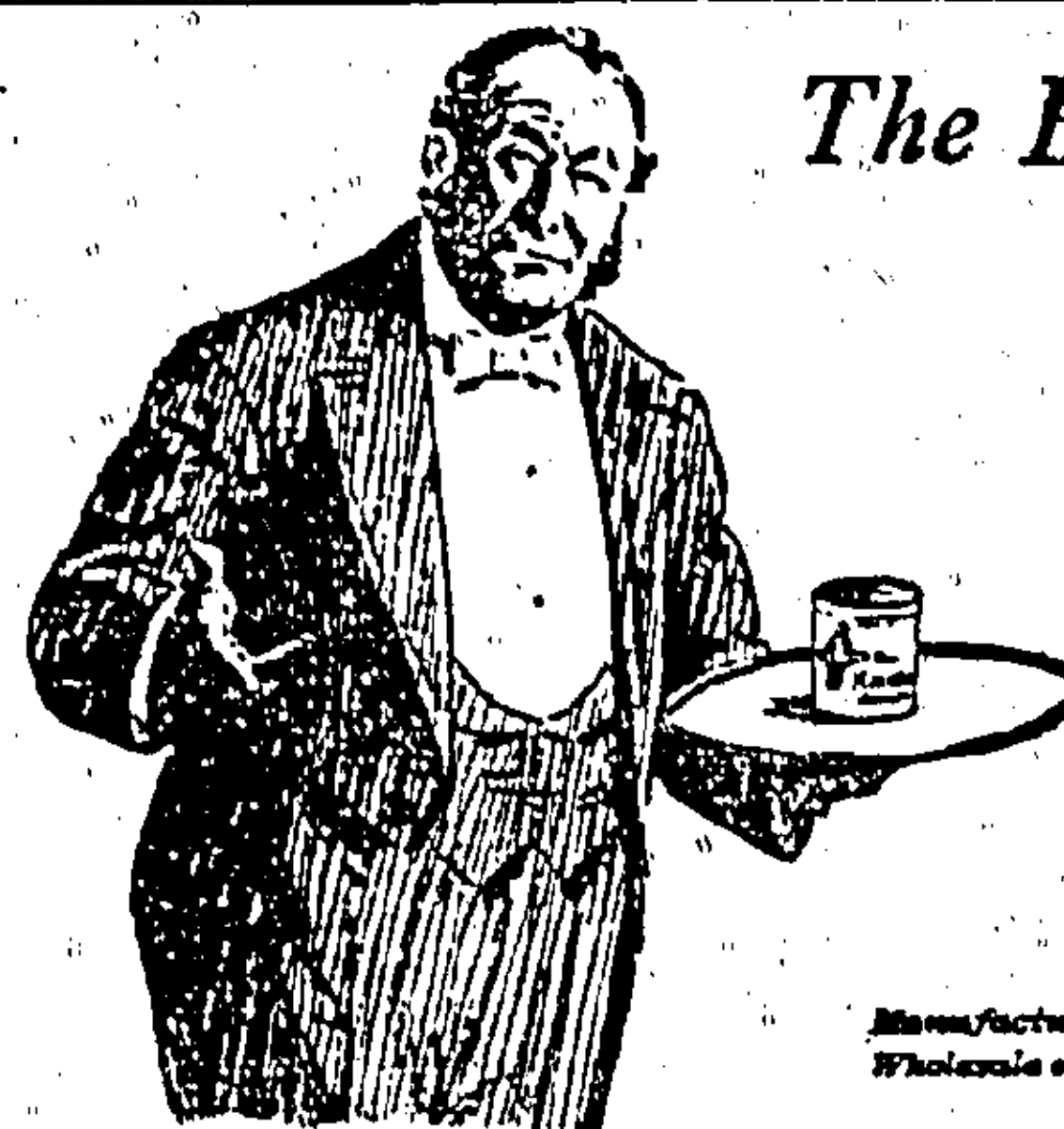
The picture at the Coronet Theatre
this afternoon is "The Moon of Israel,"
which has been drawing crowded houses
during the past few days. "The Moon
of Israel" is the screen version of Sir
H. Rider Haggard's famous novel, and
it is beyond all question a masterpiece
of filming. Indeed it is safe to say that
the massive splendour of the settings,
which portray the wonders of ancient
Egypt with amazing realism, has never
been excelled.

THE STAR.

Saturday, which is always a special
occasion for cinema-goers, finds the Star
Theatre showing a picture excellently
suited for the week-end. This is "Ladies
Must Live." If the title is intriguing,
the picture itself is even more intriguing.
That being so, it would be unfair to in-
dicate the story here. Suffice it to say
then that "Ladies Must Live" is a pic-
ture of unusual charm adapted from a
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on a world tour, concludes a four days'
engagement at the Queen's Theatre to-
night, and those who have not yet watch-
ed this clever artist in his act are ad-
vised to see him either at to-day's 5.15
matinee or to-night at 9.15 p.m. There
is also a First National picture entitled
"The Beautiful Liar" shown in the same
programme. Katherine MacDonald, the
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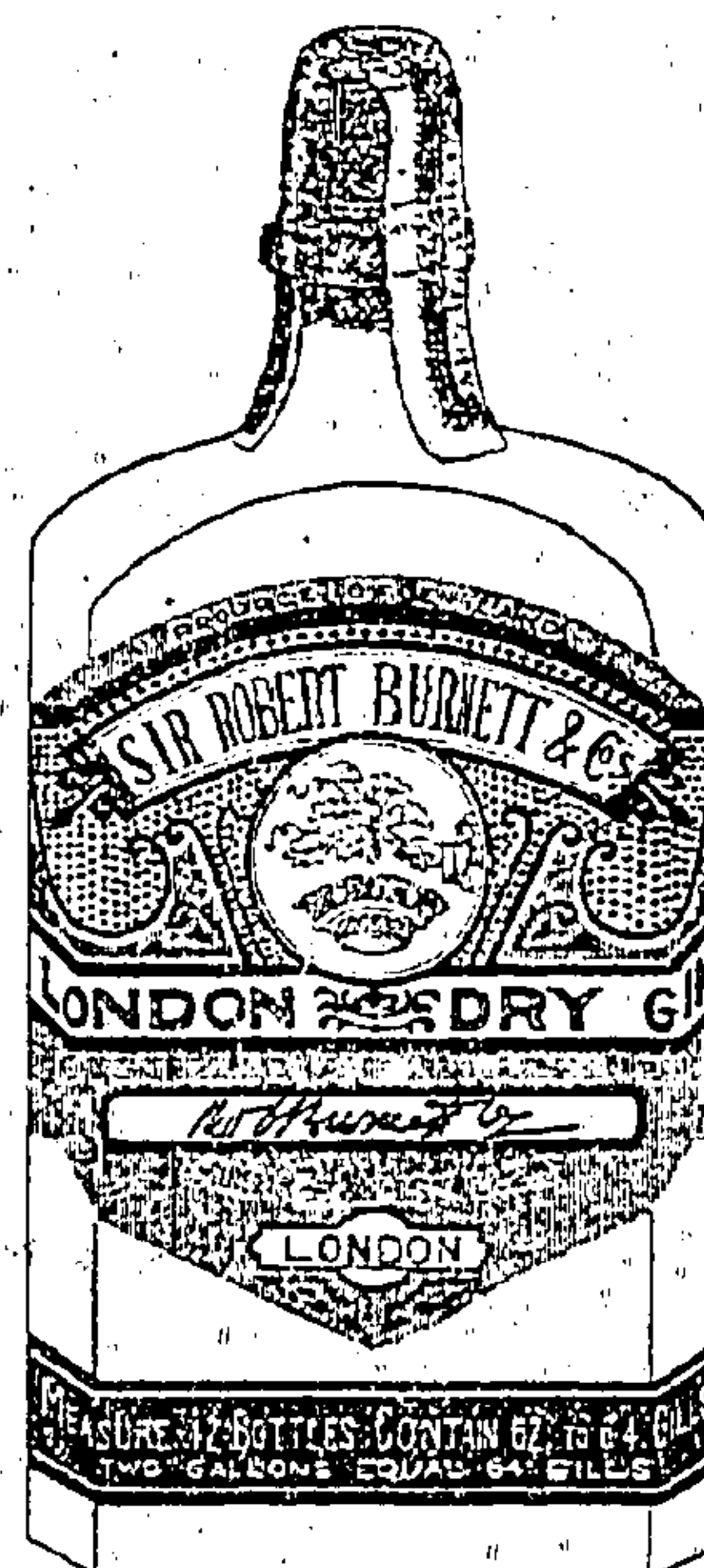
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EARLDOM FOR VETERAN LIBERAL
LEADER.

MR. ASQUITH AS THE EARL OF
OXFORD.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, February 2nd.

THE EARL OF OXFORD.

Mr. Asquith's decision to accept an Earldom, with the title of Earl of Oxford, has called forth a remarkable tribute to him both as a political leader and as a man. There are a good many people who would have preferred him to keep his name, just as Lord Morley retained his, or Lord Balfour, and some others who achieved fame in the House of Commons. But there is already a Lord Asquith, and partly to avoid confusion Mr. Asquith chose the title of Earl of Oxford. Another reason for the choice probably is his long connection with the University of Oxford, and also the fact that his country seat, The Wharf, Sutton Courtney, is in the neighbourhood.

Julian Asquith, the only son of Mr. Raymond Asquith, eldest son of the peer, who was killed in the war, will be his grandfather's heir. In political circles speculation is rife as to the role Mr. Asquith will fill after his return to Westminster. Lord Beauchamp is the present Liberal leader in the House of Lords, but the new Earl of Oxford will, it is confidently predicted, take that position. He will also, as at present arranged, continue as the acknowledged leader of the Liberal Party in Parliament and the country.

Of course, Mr. Asquith has always been, like Gladstone, a good House of Commons man. The atmosphere there, and the traditions of the place, are suited to men of independent views and strong character. But the veteran Liberal lost his seat at Paisley, and at 75 it is rather too much to expect him to wait indefinitely for a re-entry into Parliament. The House of Lords will gain in many ways by his admission into that assembly.

ANCIENT TITLE RESTORED.

The choice of Earl of Oxford for a title revives that of a very ancient and illustrious family, the proudest in the peerage. Twenty of the De Veres, Earls of Oxford, followed one another in succession during the long period between 1137 and 1709. The founder of the line came over with William the Conqueror and fought at Hastings, receiving as a reward for his services a great amount of land in Essex. Not long ago I paid a visit to the Norman keep that still stands on the summit of a hill at Castle Hedingham in Essex, where the De Veres made their home and lived in almost regal state for five hundred years.

After the last of the De Veres died Queen Anne revived the title for one of her Ministers, Robert Harley, who was successively Speaker of the House of Commons, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State. This renowned title lasted during five generations, of Harleys, and again became extinct in 1853.

LEADER OF NATIONS AND SINGAPORE.

Readers on your side may be interested to hear that the League of Nations is on the point of setting up at Singapore a base, or outpost of defence, against dirt-borne diseases which are prevalent in the East. It will be known as the Epidemiological Intelligence Bureau. It is the outcome of a tour in the Far East by Dr. Norman White, the head of the League's Epidemic Commission. The real purpose of his tour was to study the conditions of port sanitation in Far Eastern countries with a view to discovering effective measures to check the spread of disease by sea-borne traffic. In the course of his travels he had time for an investigation of epidemic conditions in general which convinced him of the need for a permanent institution on the spot for the study of Far Eastern diseases.

The new Bureau will collect and publish epidemic statistics, so that China and other countries may be warned in good time when they are threatened with the approach of a plague. The news is to be spread by wireless, so that ships may receive it before touching at infected ports. In addition, the Bureau will collect all kinds of general information to form the basis for a study of those mysterious epidemics whose real causes are still in many cases unknown. The Rockefeller Foundation, which has been generous in assisting the health work of the League, is paying the initial cost of setting up and equipping the bureau.

JAPAN'S PROPOSAL.

In connection with the establishment of the Bureau, as a preliminary conference of health experts from the countries interested is being called, and will probably meet at Singapore before this article reaches you. The chief business is to settle the final details of the work which the Bureau will be expected to perform. I learn that Japan made a proposal to include on the agenda of the Conference the extension to these states of the International Sanitary Convention at present in force in the West. Their request had, however, to be refused for two reasons. It would entirely have altered the character of the conference, which is an affair of experts rather than of diplomats. Moreover, the International Sanitary Convention is in process of revision, and it would only cause confusion to extend its scope before the revision is complete. The revised convention will no doubt be made applicable to the Far East.

THE OPIUM CONFLICT.

A good deal of space is devoted by the newspapers here to the conflict between Lord Cecil and Mr. Porter, the head of the American delegation at the Opium Conference at Geneva. Mr. Porter's position is peculiar. As you know, America pointedly refuses to belong to the League of Nations, and the only one of

the enterprises under the League in which the American Government takes an official part is this Opium Conference.

The delegates, however, from the U.S.A. are neither public officials nor members of the Administration, but people connected with the anti-opium organisations, which in the U.S.A. are very strong and very active. They are alarmed at the increase of drug-taking which has followed on the enforcement of Prohibition. They draw their recruits mainly from the people who have been in charge of American educational institutions in China. Nearly every one of the younger Chinese politicians—people like Mr. Wellington Koo—have been educated by Americans, and there is intense feeling among these people that until opium is eradicated from China, the country will never settle down.

AMERICA'S PLAN.

Lord Cecil found himself called upon as British delegate to defend a case not understood by the American delegation. There is the classic case of India. The Indian Government regard opium as a national necessity, for in India opium is not smoked, but eaten. Anglo-Indians declare that the immense physical labour carried on by the natives could not be supported without the use of this drug, which is, as it were, half-way between aspirin and beer.

Lord Cecil being furnished with some figures suggesting the amount of drug-taking by injection in the United States, let himself in for a controversy of a serious kind. Mr. Porter who is a very categorical person, went much too far, and the result was a general evening-round of the sympathy of the meeting to Lord Cecil.

The whole American attitude is rather suggestive of that which President Wilson is widely considered to have taken on political matters—namely, suddenly to invade the councils of the rest of the world, impose or endeavour to impose his views upon them, and then retire, leaving them to shoulder the responsibility thus created for them.

THE FLOWER WOMEN IN THE CIRCUS.

One of the most familiar sights in West End streets is on the point of disappearing. The flower women who sold box button-holes and bunches of flowers on the steps of the monument in Piccadilly Circus have to go for the steps and the beautiful figure of a winged Mercury surmounting them are to be removed to make way for a new tube station.

The flower-sellers have sat there for several generations, daughter succeeding mother, for it seems that this business of selling flowers to the passer-by in Piccadilly Circus has run in families. The women were a class to themselves, and no matter what the changes in fashion as regards dress might be they have always worn the same kind of clothes, the most noticeable feature being a thick plaid shawl drawn tightly round the shoulders, and a straw hat commonly called a "beater." One of the women has been there forty years, and she told an interviewer about the changes she has seen in London traffic, and in customs. In recent years they have had a rather thin time, because the fashion to wear button-holes has gone out. Very few are worn now.

Everyone who loves the old familiar sights and scenes of London will regret the change in Piccadilly Circus. There have been many in recent times, and those in contemplation will complete the transformation. The steps, and the fountain, and the flying Mercury, and the women with their baskets of fresh flowers were always a delight to the eyes.

WIRELESS MARVELS.

People indulging in the fascinating pastime of listening-in for the programmes of music and speeches and lectures, or whatever it may be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company from the high-power station at Chelmsford are constantly writing to the headquarters of the B.B.C., stating that they heard and enjoyed certain programmes more than others. Some of these acknowledgments come from distant parts of the world. This week it is recorded that on December 12th music and speech were heard at North Borneo, the distance being given as 10,000 miles. On another date those listening-in at the same place heard the booming notes of Big Ben striking 11 p.m.

This is surely marvellous. The age of miracles has certainly not passed where wireless is concerned. It raises the question how soon it may be that a programme broadcast from London or Chelmsford will be heard by the readers of this paper—H.B.

CANTONESE "BAD HAT."

EXEMPLARY SENTENCE PASSED
AT SINGAPORE.

The exemplary sentence of twelve months' rigorous imprisonment and sixteen strokes of the cat o' nine tails was passed at Singapore by the District Judge (Mr. P. A. F. David) on the 12th inst., on a Cantonese who presented a revolver at Mr. B. L. Mitchell, A.S.P., when the latter went to arrest him. The circumstances were that Mr. Mitchell, of the Orchard Road division, received certain information, and went to the junction of Target Road and Balesier Road, where he saw two Cantonese in a ricksha. On seeing Mr. Mitchell they jumped out, and the accused, when Mr. Mitchell went to arrest him, produced a five-chambered revolver, and presented it at the A.S.P. Mr. Mitchell immediately produced his revolver, whereupon the man dropped his gun and put up his hands.

When the man, who is believed to be a notorious "bad hat," was produced in the District Court, Inspector Meredith asked for the full penalty, with the cat o' nine tails, and his Honour passed sentence as recorded above.

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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for
decision to-day:—

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP.

Scotland v. South China, Hongkong
Club ground, at 4.30 p.m. Referee: Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. Andrews and Smith.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.
Sacred Heart v. Club de Recreo "B".
St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Andrews.

South China "A" v. East Surreys
Reserves: Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Austin.

East Surreys Drums v. St. Joseph's
"B" Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Tovey.

Club de Recreo "A" v. Hongkong
Club Reserves. H.K.F.C. ground.
Referee: Mr. MacMillan.

St. Joseph's "A" v. Kowloon Reser-
ves, South China ground. Referee:
Mr. Smith, R.A.

The final of the series of matches for
the Sunday Herald Charity Cup is due
to be played to-day between Scotland
and South China. Each team has secured
a win to date and the winners to-day
will hold the cup for the season. Should
the match be brought to a definite re-
sult, Mrs. Holyoak will present the cup
to the winners at the conclusion of the
game. With the change of the weather
the going will be heavy which will be
much against South China. In the event
of a draw, another game will be played.

The team chosen to represent Scotland
is as follows:—A. E. Clarke (Police);
Gerrard (Club) and McKelvie (Kow-
loon); Mair, Stewart (Club), and A.
Duncan (Kowloon); G. Duncan (Kow-
loon); Forsyth (Club); McBride (Kow-
loon); Dr. Valentine (Police); and Key
(Club). Reserves: Johnstone (Club) and
Dewar (Police).

The Club de Recreo "A" should
secure the Junior League Championship
in their match with the Club Reserves
to-day on the latter's ground. Their
only outstanding game will be with
South China "B" and as the latter team
have failed to turn out on several occa-
sions lately, it is expected that the Club
de Recreo will be given the game.

A good game should be seen at Sookun-
poo between South China and the East
Surreys Reserves, with the military team
winning.

Kowloon Reserves will oppose St.
Joseph's "A" on the South China ground
and on their present form Kowloon
should win.

A very even game should be seen on
St. Joseph's ground between Sacred
Heart and Club de Recreo "B". A
drawn game is expected.

The Drums should take the points
against the St. Joseph's "B" team on
the Navy "A" ground.

Private William Day, of the East
Surrey Regiment, was brought before
Mr. J. E. Wood at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday and charged with having
assaulted a Chinese constable on the 18th
inst. Defendant was fined \$20 and
ordered to pay \$5 compensation to the
constable.

TRAVELLER ROBBED.

GAOL FOR CHINESE THIEF.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday,
before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Au Shing,
an unemployed Chinese, was charged
with the larceny of a gold watch and
chain, valued at \$300, and \$50 in Hong-
kong Bank notes, the property of Mr.
F. B. Amos, a first-class passenger on
the Empress of Canada.

Defendant, who admitted stealing the
watch and chain, denied the theft of the
money.

The only evidence offered by the pro-
secution was that defendant was seen in
a cabin from which the money was lost.
After taking the watch and chain, he con-
cealed it under the carpet of the saloon.

The case, it was stated, was a serious
one, as money had been stolen from prac-
tically every ship lying alongside the
Kowloon Godown wharves recently.

From the last Empress boat, two or
three hundred dollars had been stolen.
Defendant was sentenced to four
months' hard labour.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB.

At a meeting of chess enthusiasts held
yesterday evening at the Central British
School, Kowloon, it was decided to form
an institution to be called the Kowloon
Chess Club. Mr. C. F. Nightingale
presided.

The meeting appointed the following
to be officials of the Club: President, Mr.
C. F. Nightingale; Captain, Mr. A.
Brooksbank; Secretary, Mr. S. Hidden;
Treasurer, Mr. E. Kern, and Committee:
Messrs. W. Patterson, S. Hayes, J. Saller
and D. Carvalier.

It was decided that the subscription
for the first year, including entrance fee,
should be \$5, and that the members meet
every Friday evening at 8 p.m. Ladies,
it was mentioned, could become members
if they desired.

SQUADRON TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

JAPANESE VESSELS TO CRUISE
ON LOWER YANGTZE.

According to an announcement made
to the Shanghai Japanese press by Com-
mander Inose, the Japanese naval agent
in Shanghai, a squadron consisting of
four light-cruisers of 5,500 tons each
(Natori, Nagara, Yura and Sendai), one
submarine depot-ship, Jungei (8,500 tons),
and six submarines, under the command
of Vice-Admiral H. Yamamoto, is ex-
pected to arrive in Shanghai on March
27th. It is understood that the object
of the squadron's visit to Shanghai is
exactly the same as that of the Japanese
squadron which visited the Northern port
about this time last year, namely, a cruise
on the lower Yangtze for the purpose
of training the crews.

"THE GONDOLIERS."

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY EXCELS ITSELF.

Great as was the success which attended the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's recent production of "The Gondoliers," it is safe to say that their presentation at the Theatre Royal last night of "The Gondoliers" actually eclipsed it. Continual applause rewarded the performers last night, and the enthusiasm of the audience as the curtain fell was testified in thunderous fashion.

Despite the wretched weather, there was a crowded house. Among the audience were Sir Claude and Lady Severn, who arrived well before the curtain rose.

There can be no doubt that Hongkong is endowed with amateur dramatic and musical talent considerably above the average existing in other places of its size, for last night's performance of a piece which is one of the most exacting of its kind—was presented with a really remarkable degree of excellence in every particular—singing, acting, production, and stage-management.

Too much praise could not be accorded to the chorus, who in singing and dancing alike, worked beautifully together throughout. They scored a positive triumph in the chorus and dance, "Dance a Cachucha" in the second Act, when at the conclusion, every performer was in his or her exact position on the last boat. It was a really admirable piece of work, of which even a highly trained professional chorus might have felt a justifiable pride. This item was encored three times last night.

The full cast was as under:—

The Duke of Plaza-Toro (a Grande of Spain).....Mr. J. S. Gillingham.
Luiz (his Attendant).....Mr. D. M. Richards.
Don Alhambra del Bolero (the Grand Inquisitor).....Mr. G. D. Leys.
Marcelo Palmieri.....Mr. W. G. Wheeler.
Giuseppe Palmieri.....Mr. A. J. Brock.
Antonio.....Mr. A. P. Glanville.
Francesco.....Mr. E. J. Best.
Giorgio.....Mr. H. Penny.
Annabile.....Mr. J. Hancock.
The Duchess of Plaza-Toro.....Mrs. Neil Mathieson.
Casilda (her daughter).....Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy.
Gianetta.....Mrs. Stanley Collett.
Tessa.....Mrs. J. Hancock.
Pianetta.....Mrs. R. G. Groundwater.
Vittoria.....Miss G. Brock.
Gialia.....Mrs. D. J. Brown.
Juez (the King's Foster-mother).....Mrs. J. G. Dick.

Gondoliers, Contadine, Courtiers:—
Messieurs Goodall, Haigh, Hollidge, Jefford, Kill, Luck, Lugard, Nicholson, Richards, Rowe, Wheller, Misses Bailey, Ellis, Fraser, Mow Fung, Owen-Hughes, Pancheson, Thompson, Vinnall, Willmott.

Messrs. Anniss, Barnfather, Bell, Bennett, Captain Bensley, Messrs. Clarke, Fountain, Gompertz, Griggs, Hollwell, Lieut. Henslowe, Messrs. Jefford, Nicholson, Saunders, Saker, Shepherd, Thomas, Trafford, West, Westlake.

Men-at-Arms—Gunnery Atkinson and Quaty. Herald: Gunnery Dyer, Jordan, Fandall, Spicer. Pages: Misses Marjory Martin, Vera Wheeler. Drummer Boy: Miss Vera Jefford.

Of the principals, all of whom attained a very high standard of achievement, the following were outstanding: Mr. W. G. Wheeler (Marcelo), an amateur Theatopian of ripe experience, Mr. G. D. Leys (Don Alhambra), Mr. A. J. Brock (Giuseppe), Mrs. J. Hancock (Tessa), Mrs. Stanley Collett (Gianetta), Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy (Casilda) and Mr. J. S. Gillingham (the Duke of Plaza-Toro). Mr. Leys should have a special word of praise for the quality of his acting—apart from his able rendering of the vocal numbers allotted to him. As the frigid and masterful Grand Inquisitor, he gave a beautifully finished performance of a part which exacts a high standard of dramatic ability.

Mr. W. G. Wheeler sang powerfully and tunefully, and acted well, as Marcelo. As has been said, however, he is no newcomer to the amateur stage, and a marked degree of excellence was generally expected from him, which was, let it be said, amply realized.

Mrs. J. Hancock sang very truly and tunefully as Tessa and acted very well indeed. Alike in her languorous moments and in her occasional little demonstrations of wifely jealousy she played her part delightfully, and received well deserved applause. She was ably supported by Mrs. Collett, whose singing, notably of the song "Kind Sir, You cannot Have the Heart," gave great pleasure to the audience. Both Mr. J. S. Gillingham and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy sang and acted well. Mrs. Bellamy's duet with Luiz (Mr. D. M. Richards) "There was a Time," earned marked approval for both players.

Mr. Brock gave a remarkably polished rendering of the role of Giuseppe. He has had little experience of acting—in fact this is his first venture—but his natural talent is clear to see, and it has been well fostered by Mr. Wheeler, whose pupil he is. The other principals, were sound in the rôles allotted to them, and all worked hard and well.

The highest credit is due to Mr. Wheeler for his able production of the piece and his arrangement of the very charming dances. Mr. Wheeler, by the way, prefers to describe himself not so much by the term "producer," as by that of "messenger." By this he means, as he explained to the writer, that he has

(Continued on next Column).

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[REOPENED BY HENRY GOLLAN.]

WOMEN SENTENCED.

The case in which two women were charged with conspiracy to threaten another woman with injury if she failed to pay a ransom for her son who had been kidnapped, was continued yesterday. Mr. H.K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Evidence was given by district watchmen, who told how they followed the coolie who got letters from a professional writer, and arrested the women. First prisoner went into the witness box and said she knew nothing about the case. It did not concern her. She denied that she knew the letter writer, and denied that she took any part in the kidnapping of the boy. Second prisoner also denied the charge.

The Jury found both prisoners guilty, and his Lordship sentenced them to nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

ARMS CASE.

INDIAN SHIP'S GUARD CHARGED.

An Indian ship's guard on the a.s. *Leung Kung*, was charged with having a revolver in his possession.

Mr. H.K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, said that on February 23rd when the vessel came into the Lee On Wharf, about 5-30 in the morning, a Chinese Revenue officer saw prisoner leave the ship, and stopped him for the purpose of searching him. A struggle ensued, and prisoner threw something over the wharf. The Revenue officer called for assistance, and had the Indian arrested. A search was made and on the deck of a sampan alongside the quay a revolver, unloaded, was found.

Mr. Easley Zeitlyn appeared for the prisoner. His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning.

MUSICIANS FALL OUT.

HIGH NOTES AND DISCORD.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, an interesting assault case was heard. Two bandmen, Claudio and Felix Alvara, were the complainants in a summons for assault brought against Francisco Balaazar, while a summons against Tejeiro Tipon was stated to have not been served. It was alleged that the complainants were responsible for the dismissal of the defendant from the employ of the Hongkong Amusement Company, Ltd., as a musician at the Coronet Theatre, and that this led to a quarrel among the members of the orchestra.

Mr. J. S. Hugh-Jones, who appeared for the defendant, said that the four men named were musicians at the Coronet Theatre, and previous to the quarrel were living together. A quarrel ensued regarding the skill of another member of the band, and a fight followed. Two days later another quarrel on the same subject took place and one of the defendants suggested that the matter should be settled by a fight. It was arranged, after some trouble, that each man should wear a glove on his right hand. The fight was not a violent one or sudden, as it was all arranged before it took place. When both men had had enough they shook hands and left.

Claudio Alvara denied this statement and said that Balaazar blamed him for his dismissal from the orchestra. On the 31st, after the night performance, Balaazar tried to strike him with a knife but Alvara, a friend of the complainant, interfered and took the knife from the defendant. None of the men were injured.

Mr. Hamilton decided to bind all parties over on a bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for six months.

endeavoured—and, he it said in parenthesis, that he has signally succeeded—in carrying on the traditional "message" of the D'Oyly Carte Company as regards the spirit of its presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. He has played the part of Marco in England, once when the piece was produced by Mr. Edwin Bryan, who was for long with the D'Oyly Carte Company, and on another occasion when it was produced by Madame Margaret Forbes-Wilson, also a noted member of the famous Savoyard organization. It is therefore clear that the D'Oyly Carte traditions are being rigidly adhered to.

Mr. Neil Mathieson is the assistant stage-manager of the present production, the stage-lighting is in the hands of Messrs. Derrick and Cole, and Mr. T. Hollidge is property-master.

The orchestra, whose work, under the baton of Mr. Stanley Collett could not be too highly praised, is composed as under:—

Violins—Miss E. G. Box, Mrs. F. A. Griggs, Miss R. Judah, Mr. J. L. Alvey, Mr. D. Hutcheon, Mr. G. E. Longyear, Mr. J. M. S. Rozario, Mr. Y. F. Vicaraj, Mr. C. A. P. Xavier.

Viola—Miss J. Braga.

Celli—Mr. N. U. Botelho and Mr. E. Paul.

Double Bass—Mr. P. N. Sequira.

Piano—Mrs. J. S. Thomson.

Flute—Bandman Briffit. Oboe—Bandman Miles. Clarinet—Bandman Donovan. Bassoon—Bandman Stilling. Cornet—Bandman Hamman.

Euphonium—Bandman Wernham. Horn—Bandman Mackleworth. Timpani—Bandman Newell.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WET CONDITIONS MAY BE CAUSE OF UPSETS.

PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

[BY ABOLUS.]

For the first time this season the track will be on the soft side, even if no more rain falls before racing commences this afternoon. Yesterday's downfall was sufficient to take the bone out of the ground and the probabilities are that the track will be badly cut up after the second race—at any rate it is certain to be change of the turns.

The change of "going" is nearly sure to cause a few upsets, but it is doubtful whether it will result in a majority of big dividends on the tote.

In the Stakes, it may possibly favour the chances of Gold Leaf. At any rate, he is credited with his best performance in Shanghai on sticky course. Though Grey Morn has up to date been racing on a hard track, there is no reason to doubt his ability to act when the going is soft.

In the case of Gypsy Love, it is fair to presume also that to-day's going will be to his liking and if he starts in the third event, he will go very close to winning, though I shall still stand by Rothsay with Blotting Paper as third best. It must be remembered that Gypsy also likes the going on the soft side, but his performances this season have not been very brilliant and I must put him down as a useful outsider.

For the first event I am pinning my faith to Nugget in the belief that he is fitter now than at the annual meeting.

In the second event, I can see nothing to beat Phenomenal Dahlia, though probably Rayfield will be well backed by those who remember his performances in Shanghai.

In the fifth race, Beauty Dahlia may be a really good thing, but I cannot stand him to win for reasons stated yesterday.

Wimmersa, if started, should win this event. There seems some doubt as to this being saddled, so I advise an investment each way on Saracen.

In the sixth event, I expect Poppy Leaf to go to the front and stay there throughout, but Demon Boy may again beat him in the run home, as he did when last they met. However, it should be borne in mind that Poppy Leaf has been suffering from back trouble, which may again prevent his giving of his best in a tight finish.

For the Lincolnshire Handicap "B" class I recommend "nap" on Beldorrey Star with a saver on King Canute.

Charcoal should prove capable of winning the last event, despite the weight, as he is a compactly built little chap and has proved his gameness. Clover Club should prove the next best at the weights as Loch Rannoch is not likely to relish the soft going if one can go by his performances last year. He is, however, leniently weighted.

My selections thus read:

Race I. (Half-Mile):

1. Nugget.

2. Quah.

3. Jimmy Lad.

Race II. (4 Mile):

1. Phenomenal Dahlia.

2. Frisland.

3. Poppy Leaf.

Race III. (3 Mile):

1. Rothsay.

2. Gypsy Love.

3. Blotting Paper.

Race IV. (1 Mile):

1. Grey Morn.

2. Gold Leaf.

3. Chicago.

Race V. (1m 165 yards):

1. Saracen.

2. Grey Streak.

3. Uncle Charlie.

Race VI. (1 Mile):

1. Poppy Leaf.

2. Demon Boy.

3. Tadworth.

Race VII. (1 1/2 Miles):

1. Beldorrey Star.

2. King Canute.

3. Duke of Frisco.

Race VIII. (1 1/2 Miles):

1. Charcoal.

2. Clover Club.

3. Spotted Sand.

HOCKEY NOTES.

[BY "SHORT COMER"]

I hope that the game against Shamenee this afternoon will be played under more favourable conditions than have prevailed during the last day or so. At the time of writing the prospect seems rather remote, but the weather may improve.

The match is to be played, by kind permission of the United Services Recreation Club, on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, at 3.30 p.m., and the H.K.H.C. will be represented by P. W. F. Mills, O. I. M. Hughes, C. L. R. Becker, J. Wedlake, the Rev. L. W. L. Martin, A. Bower, S. H. Garrod, W. E. Lock, L. R. Blacking, T. J. Price and F. C. Faers.

There have been two games with Shamenee already this season, the H.K.H.C. winning by the narrow margin of a goal on both occasions. It is expected that a close game will be provided this afternoon and such members of the Club as are not playing cricket might do worse than come to Kowloon to watch the game.

The game between the H.K.H.C. and the East Surrey Regiment on Wednesday evening was played on a ground agreeably soft but a little slippery. It was only to be expected that control of the ball would suffer accordingly but a good speed was maintained despite this handicap and a most enjoyable game resulted. The regiment seemed determined to score more than once, but some sound goal-keeping kept them out, while, on the other hand, the stout defence of the Surrey's goalkeeper could not prevent the Club forwards from scoring three goals.

On the whole the Club had more of the game, but not a great deal more, and up to the last the Regiment were hard at work.

OUR CLIMATE.

THE HIGH HUMIDITY.

Climate conditions in Hongkong and Canton are practically the same and the following extract from some notes on the Climate of Canton contributed to the Canton Christian College *Agricultural Review*, by Mr. H. S. Frank will consequently have a direct interest for dwellers in Hongkong:

In spite of the fact that Canton is in the torrid zone, and the further undoubted fact that foreigners are all affected more or less by the climate, the records show that the temperature does not rise high—not as high, in fact, as in many places much farther north. Since 1919, when the records of this observatory start, the hottest day of which we have any record was August 6th, 1921, when a maximum of 33.5°C. (92.4°F.) was reached. On July 17th, 1920, and August 4th, 1923, maxima above 30°C. are also shown. In general, however, a temperature above 32°F. is very rare, and below 30°F. is the very decided rule.

On the other hand the coldest day that we know of was February 4th, 1919, when the minimum was 1.4°C. (34.5°F.). On January 6th, 1920, the thermometer also went below 32°F., but this too is extremely rare. Monthly minima of 40°F. in the winter months are usual.

The average daily temperature at any given time, over yearly periods, is nearly constant. The average, for all the data so far taken, of air temperatures at 7 a.m. is 19.55°C. (67.3°F.); the highest yearly average is 20.1°C. (68.2°F.); and the lowest is 19.8°C. (67.5°F.). The monthly average of daily temperature is, of course, from month to month, but for any given month, successive years show almost no variation. The lowest temperature comes in January, the highest in July and August, and the changes between being continuous. The monthly averages of temperature at 7 a.m. for 1924 agree with the averages very closely. The greatest single variation is 1.5°F. (2.7°), and the mean variation is less than .75° (1.3°F.).

HUMIDITY.

The fact that people suffer from heat in summer and cold in winter, when the recorded temperatures do not seem to justify great discomfort, is to be attributed to the high relative humidity which is so characteristic of this climate. The records show no month in five years with an average relative humidity of less than 70 per cent., whereas monthly averages of 88-87 per cent. are not uncommon. The yearly averages, as in the case of temperatures are constant, almost within the limits of accuracy of determination, the value being 80 per cent. Contrary to what might be expected, however, there is very little change in average relative humidity throughout the year. It is true that the fall months are drier, but the monthly average of relative humidity is lower by only about 5 per cent. for September, October, November, and December than for the rest of the year, and the differences among themselves in the other months are negligible. All of them consistently show averages of 83-85 per cent.

This high humidity makes the hot weather feel hotter by preventing evaporation from the skin and thus preventing the natural cooling system of the body from operating. The mechanism whereby high relative humidity renders more intense the discomfort due to cold is less simple, but is probably also connected with evaporation. When evaporation does not take place as it should, the skin becomes clogged and hypersensitive, so that small differences in temperature make great differences in feeling.

RAINFALL.

The dampness of the climate also shows up in the rainfall statistics. The total precipitation varies so much from year to year, both in monthly averages for a given month, and in total annual precipitation, that it is not yet possible to speak from our data with much certainty on this subject. It is, however, ever, that in a year we may expect in the general neighbourhood of 200 cm. of rainfall, or some 80 inches. This may vary by as much as from 25-30 per cent. in either direction. Most of the rain falls in the spring and summer months.

REFRACTORY INDIAN.

REFUSED TO BE SEARCHED.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday U. Ismail, an Indian clerk, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting being searched for arms at Spring Garden Lane on Thursday night.

A European police sergeant said that he asked a Chinese constable to search defendant, who refused to be searched. He (the sergeant) then took hold of him by the shoulder and marched him off to the police station. He offered a vigorous resistance. A Chinese constable gave corroborative evidence.

Defendant said that he was leaving the Grand Theatre and passed a posse of policemen. When he was some distance away he was held by a Chinese constable who came up from behind, and began searching him. He thereupon turned to the sergeant and told him if he had to be searched he would go with him to the police station. The sergeant twisted his arm and he was forced to extricate it because it caused him much pain. He also asserted that the sergeant had a grudge against him owing to a dispute which arose three years ago at North Point and that this was merely a move to take revenge. He also stated that he had been taken to the police station two days before and was then searched by the sergeant.

His Worship pointed out to defendant that by resisting being searched he was liable to be penalized. He was bound over in the sum of \$40.

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DIA DA BOA IMPRENSA.

A DIRECCAO DA RELIGIAO E PATRIA tem a honra de convidar os catolicos desta cidade para assistir as solenes festividades do Dia da Boa Imprensa que se realizara no domingo 22 do corrente, constante de funcao religiosa na Catedral da Immaculada Conceicao as 8.30 a.m. e 4.30 p.m. e duma academia literario-musical no Club Lusitano as 8.30 p.m., lembrando-lhes a conveniencia de receberem a comunicacao nesse dia pela propagacao da Boa Imprensa, e de encorajarem o "Quem os Deu" na Catedral, e de se incorporarem no cortejo da mesma Catedral para o Club Lusitano.
Hongkong, 19 de março de 1925. [2205]

FOOTBALL.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP.

SCOTLAND v. CHINA.

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Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
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INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m.
The First Race will be Run at 2.30 p.m.
The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price.
Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.
Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Liversidge & Davis at \$5 each up to Friday, 20th March.
The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 16th day of March, to Monday, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1925. [1969]

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1925, at 4 o'clock precisely in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the following purposes—
1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1924.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.
By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary. [1960]
Hongkong, 14th March, 1925.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1958]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Messrs. STRICK, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st March, 1925, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1975]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.
The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive).
By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1976]

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED, will be held at THE HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, confirming the Appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 1st APRIL, 1925, until Wednesday, the 8th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
J. BARTHOLOMEW,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1925. [2007]

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INTIMATIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1925,
at H.M. NAVAL DEPOT, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m. with an interval from 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m.
OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES, &c.,
Comprising—
Money Chests, Spring Balances, Galvanized Tubing, Dinghies, Whalers, Gigs, Balsa Rafts, Boat Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy Fittings, Carbons, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships, Fittings and Firearm Gear, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Life Rafts, Belts, Carpets, Bags, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counters, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, India Rubber and Metallic Hoses and Tubing, Old Cordage, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Woollen and Linen Bags, Old Ammunition, Old Pistol Drums, Old Cans, New Canvas Chutes, Old Lead Battery Plates, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lead and Zinc, Copper & Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jean, Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps and Fittings, Gauges, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Wheel Girders, Davits, Finances, Cutters and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Binnacles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Casks, Riggering Chain, Buoys, Wire Brushes, Glass Tubes, Side Scuttles, Baths, Awns, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Pneumatic Hells, Filters, &c., &c.
Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925.
ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VITUALISING STORES AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1925.
Comprising—Table Linens, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c., Bannets, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mass, Table Cloth, (including Electric Plates, Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.
Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.
LAMBERT BROTHERS,
By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1970]

EMPLOYMENT.

REQUIRED—Young European BOOK-KEEPER for Position Offering Permanency and Good Prospects. Applicants must be prepared to furnish Reference as to Integrity and Ability. Please apply in Own Handwriting to Box No. 2008, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [2008]

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FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, TWO OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd Floor, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Share or Exchange Brokers. Apply to SANG KEE, same Building. [1984]

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S.S. "ANGERS."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, &c., in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Cargoes with the exception of Optimum, Transure and Valuable are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-morrow, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unloaded after Monday, the 23rd instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All Damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1984]

PREPAID "WANTED"
ADVERTISEMENTS

Letters are lying at this Office for Boxes—X2, XL, X3, Y1, 29, 40, 880, 978, 1886, 1890.

COMPRADORE WANTED for British Firm, Export and Import—Apply Box No. 79, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [179]

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BIRTH.

Togo.—At San Francisco, on March 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. DAVID TORG, a son.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 21st, 1925.

THE LATE MARQUESS CURZON
AND THE EAST.

With the passing of Marquess Curzon Great Britain has lost one of the statesmen figures in her political life, and a Minister who, even if his views were not universally endorsed, could at no time be denied the respect of his compatriots and foreign nations alike, for the strength of his convictions and the integrity of his aims. No British statesman probably had a more intimate knowledge of the political problems of the East. All his life he had made a special study of them. In his younger days, he travelled very extensively and discussed in a very interesting series of books the problems which were suggested by the national character, resources and organisation of the countries of Asia as affected by their intercourse with foreign or Western Powers. The titles of the books that he gave to the world between 1888 and 1894 bear testimony to the range of his studies, viz. "The Pamirs and the Source of the Oxus"; "Persia and the Persian Question"; "Problems of the Far East"; and "Russia in Central Asia in 1889 and the Anglo-Russian Question." These books presented a wonderfully interesting analysis of the problems they dealt with, and though the political evolution of the continent of Asia has not in some respects followed the precise line of his speculations, it can at least be said that nothing happened during the lifetime of the author to weaken his faith in the great part he conceived the British Empire was destined to play in Asia. His work on "The Problems of the Far East" was dedicated "to those who believe that the British Empire is, under Providence, the greatest instrument for good that the world has seen and who hold that its work in the Far East is not yet

accomplished." Long before he became Viceroy of India Lord Curzon, as he then was, formed the firm conviction that the true fulcrum of Asiatic dominion lay in the Empire of Hindustan, and he wrote: "The secret of the mastery of the world is, it only they knew it, in the possession of the British people. . . . Our position in India gives us the certain command of the main land routes and railroads that will lay open the Far East in the not distant future. Our position upon the ocean, if duly safeguarded, should assure to us the control of the maritime highway." He sympathised even in those early days with the ambition of Japan to become, on a smaller scale, the "Britain of the Far East." "If she can but intimidate any would-be enemy from attempting a landing upon her shores, and can fly an unchallenged flag over the surrounding waters, while from her own resources she provides occupation, sustenance, clothing, and wages for her people," he wrote, "She will fulfil her rôle in the international politics of the future." Japan has achieved her ambition in that respect, while the future of China is as obscure to-day as it was to Marquess Curzon thirty years ago. The world then had just been startled by a book which pictured a resuscitated and all-conquering China. Mr. Curzon, as he was then, ridiculed this idea as a brilliant extravagance of the imagination. He recognised that China's population would increase, and swell, and continue to overflow, but he gave very good reasons for saying that in this movement he could detect no seed of empire and foresee no ultimate peril for the White Race. On the contrary, and having regard to the fact that it is in British communities and under the security of British rule that the expansion of Chinese energies has maintained its maximum development, he thought it might be argued that European administration and protection are essential conditions for the continuance of that very progress which is supposed to constitute their peril. Much to confirm this view may be found in the recent history of China. Thirteen years of republican Government have shown that the cohesion necessary to national strength in China is wanting and is probably unattainable. Marquess Curzon's career at the Foreign Office as well as his tenure of the Viceroyalty of India afforded exceptional opportunities of keeping himself informed of the evolution of the countries whose problems he had so closely studied in his earlier life, and it may well be doubted whether any living British statesman possesses a knowledge of these problems equal to that of the statesman whose loss the nation now mourns.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shellim and daughter are passing through the Colony on the H.K.C.C. Lawn Tennis Tournament were postponed owing to the wet weather.

Dr. Isaac Newton, from the Maudsley Hospital, has arrived in the Colony to join the Medical Service. He has been appointed to the Port Health Department.

A match at Telegraph Bay caught fire on Thursday from a spark emitted from a cooking stove. A Chinese married woman had her face and body severely burned.

Four men, armed with daggers, entered a match at Kowloon Chai on Thursday night and after binding and gagging the occupants decamped with clothes and jewellery valued at \$11.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on March 19th shows 3 cases of small-pox, 1 case of enteric fever, and 1 case of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese.

Mrs. Orton of 185, The Peak, reports that at 7.20 p.m., on Thursday night, whilst she was walking along Troglodyte Path, a Chinese came up from behind and snatched her handbag. The strap of the handbag broke and she turned round and struck at the thief who immediately decamped.

On Thursday night four men, two of whom were armed with daggers, entered a house in Yaumatei and found only a cook on the premises. The cook immediately tackled the two men and Jeffy disarmed them, whereupon all four would-be robbers decamped.

Chief Preventive Officer, S. J. Clarke, with a party of European Revenue Officers, discovered seven revolvers and eight hundred rounds of ammunition secreted in the wood work of the hull of a junk in Yaumatei Bay. It is thought that the contraband arms were to have been smuggled into an up-country port where they would probably be used by bandits.

An armed robbery was attempted at a match at Shung, Sha Wan, yesterday morning, when three men, two of whom were armed with daggers, held up the owner, Kong Tak, a man seventy years of age, and demanded money. The old man managed to blow a police whistle whereupon he was stabbed by one of the men. The three men then decamped. The wounded man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

AN INTERESTING VISITOR TO
SPEAK.

An interesting visitor to the Colony is Dr. W. T. Grenfell M.D., C.M.G., Grenfell of Labrador, as he is popularly called. He was educated at Marlborough, Oxford and the London Hospital, where he was house surgeon to the late Sir Frederick Treves. At Oxford he played Rugby football for the University. Dr. Grenfell fitted out the first hospital ship for the North Sea fisheries and consulted with the fishermen from the Bay of Biscay to Iceland. He went to Labrador in 1892 where he built four hospitals, a series of co-operative stores, an orphanage and a school, and started numerous small industrial schemes. In 1912 he opened in St. John's, Newfoundland, the King George the Fifth Seamen's Institute, the money for which he had raised during the previous ten years.

Dr. Grenfell is well known as a writer. His best known books are "Adrift on a Pack of Ice," "The Autobiography of a Labrador Doctor," "Tales of Labrador," and "Labrador Days." He has written many articles and monographs on deep sea fisheries, fishermen, and work among them.

With the consent of the Bishop of Victoria Dr. Grenfell will speak at the Cathedral to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and at St. Andrew's Kowloon at 8 p.m.

WEDDING AT SHANGHAI.

BOURNE-PORTER.

A wedding of more than usual interest to the foreign community took place on the 16th inst., in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Miss Marion Porter, daughter of Mr. Harold Porter, H.M. Consul-General at Hankow, was married to Major K. M. Bourne, M.C., son of Sir Frederick and Lady Bourne. The Very Reverend C. J. F. Symons performed the ceremony, which was fully choral.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful gown of cream and gold brocade, ornamented on one side with a trail of orange blossoms, and made with a short train of the brocade. The veil was of cream-coloured net embroidered with cream chenille and the bridal bouquet of tea roses and similar, tied with pale gold ribbon. The little bridesmaids, Misses Joan Leelan, Peggy Melhuish, Diana Pratt and Rosemary Marsh, looked like a bunch of sweet peas, each wearing a different pastel shade. All wore gold bands around their heads with small clusters of flowers on both sides, and gold sandals and carried bunches of sweet peas tied with pale gold ribbon. Mrs. Porter wore blue georgette embroidered with gold. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. J. C. Flew, formerly Captain, R.O.V.L.I., and Messrs. A. H. George, M. A. Macintosh, T. Addis and J. F. Pilcher acted as ushers. At the end of the ceremony a very neat effect was produced by the police guard of honour forming an archway under which the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral. A reception attended by hosts of friends, was held in H.B.M. Consulate-General, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pratt, immediately after the Cathedral ceremony. The house was artistically decorated with flowers and plants and a large wedding bell of flowers in sweet pea colourings, tied with white satin ribbons. The health of the newly married pair was proposed by Mr. Pratt in one of his usual happy speeches. Numerous attractive presents from friends and members of the community were displayed. The bride's going-away dress was dark fur, with a hat to match. Major and Mrs. Bourne will spend their honeymoon in England, returning to Shanghai in November.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LATE MARQUESS CURZON.
PASSING OF THE LEADER OF
THE LORDS.

LONDON, March 20th.

The death is announced of Marquess Curzon, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Lords.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE LAST BULLETIN.

LONDON, March 19th.

The evening's bulletin states that Marquess Curzon lost ground during the day, and that the gravity of his condition is increasing steadily.

[George Nathaniel, first Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., M.A., P.C., F.R.S., D.C.L., J.L.D., J.P., D.L., was born at Kedleston on January 18th, 1859. He was the eldest son of the Rev. Alfred Nathaniel Holden Curzon, 4th Baron Scarsdale, and of Blanche, the daughter of Joseph Pocklington Scarsdale, of Netherhall. He was educated at Eton and Balliol, and was President of the Oxford Union in 1880, at the age of 21. Five years later he became assistant private secretary to the late Marquis of Salisbury, and stood as Conservative candidate for South Derbyshire in the same year. From 1891 to 1892 he was Under-Secretary of State for India, and Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from 1892 to 1893. In 1893 he married Mary Victoria, the daughter of Mr. L. Z. Leiter of Washington, U.S.A., who bore him three daughters. She died in 1906.

From 1898 to 1905 he was Viceroy of India, and during that period he brought about far-reaching reforms, many of which—such as the improvement of agricultural conditions, irrigation, and famine relief—were welcomed joyfully by the natives. The final act of Lord Curzon's Viceroyalty, however, the historic Partition of Bengal, which he brought about in October 1905, called down volleys of native execration upon his head, and resulted in a long-continued agitation and unrest which can hardly be said to have died down even now. During the illness of Lord Lansdowne in November 1914, Lord Curzon assumed the Leadership of the Opposition, and became Lord Privy Seal in the Coalition Government formed in May 1915. He received the Order of the Garter on New Year's Day 1916. In the following year he married Grace Elvina, daughter of the late Mr. J. Monroe Hinds, U.S. Minister to Brazil, and widow of the late Alfred Duggan of Buenos Ayres. The second Lady Curzon survives him.

Lord Curzon was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs from 1919 to 1924. The heir to the Viscountcy of Scarsdale is Mr. Richard Nathaniel Curzon, a nephew, and to the Baroncy the deceased peer's eldest daughter, Lady Mary Irene Curzon, who was born in 1898. To the Marquessate, which was created in 1921, there is no heir, and it thus becomes extinct.]

LATEST CABLES.

THE EMPIRE'S NEEDS.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN TROPICS
STRONGLY URGED.

SOME SCATHING CRITICISM.

LONDON, March 20th.

The urgent need of scientific research, particularly in the tropical portions of the Empire, was emphasised by the Hon. Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Jore (Under-Secretary for the Colonies), in a speech in London.

He said it was a disgrace to the Empire that until recently it was without a College of Tropical Agriculture. It was tragic to find what the Germans had done in East Africa before the war; and a crying disgrace that we had nothing comparable to what the Dutch had established in Java.

FLEET FOR SALE.

INDIA INVITES TENDERS FOR
MERCHANT VESSELS.

LONDON, March 20th.

Following the examples of the United States and Australia, it is stated the Indian Government is inviting offers for the purchase of a fleet of six merchant steamers, totalling 30,000 tons, all ex-German vessels. Hitherto they have been trading under Government management between India and Britain.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY.
MORE CONVERSATIONS TAKE
PLACE IN PARIS.

PARIS, March 20th.

During the last few days, M. Herriot has had interviews with the Polish and Czech-Slovakian Ministers of foreign Affairs, about the question of security.

The papers consider the interviews will open an interim phase between the Geneva Protocol, repudiated by England, and the future system of peace. —Herald.

EARLIER CABLES.

NAVAL ESTIMATES.

FIRST LORD OF ADMIRALTY
EXPLAINS INCREASE.

HONGKONG'S GIFT APPRECIATED.

LONDON, March 19th.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, introducing the Navy estimates in the House of Commons, explained that the increase of nearly five million sterling was due partly to the fact that the estimates had been excessively cut down by the Labourites, with the result that leeway had to be made up.

All the obligations under the Washington Treaty had been carried out in advance of the time limit, but not without difficulty.

No large scale manoeuvres beyond the ordinary fleet exercises were being held.

The recent very successful tour of the Special Service Squadron had constituted the most fitting complement to Wembley, the former giving the Dominions a glimpse of the peaceful force of the navy on which the security of trade depended, and the latter providing stay-at-home with an opportunity of learning about the development and resources of the Empire. The tour had enabled the Dominions to realise the heavy burden the mother country was bearing in this connection.

PROGRAMME AT SINGAPORE.

The programme as regards Singapore was to establish the former German floating dock recently at Portsmouth in the old Straits, between Singapore island and the mainland.

A quarter of a million sterling was earmarked for expenditure on the base this year.

He commended Hongkong and Singapore for their contributions towards the expenses, and said it was gratifying that two such small units of the Empire were ready to come forward with sums so proportionately large.

He also thanked Australia and New Zealand for endeavouring to bear their share. He said that the fact that those Dominions diverted money for other purposes when the London Government dropped the Singapore proposal did not mean that they had altered their minds respecting the value of the base. He quoted Mr. Bruce's speech on March 6th, urging the necessity for proceeding with the construction of the base.

NO CAUSE FOR FEAR.

The fear that the base was a menace to Japan was groundless. "He did not believe any country in the world would have gone so long without establishing a base at Singapore if it had been in its possession. A glance at the map was sufficient to emphasise the importance of this base, nearer the Far East than Malta, for repelling vessels engaged in the protection of the trade routes. The base would be purely defensive, and was in the nature of insurance against danger at present not able to be foreseen.

Mr. Bridgeman added that the exact size of the floating dock for Singapore had not yet been settled, but it had to be large enough dock for the largest battleships, therefore it was necessary to extend the size, which would cost three hundred thousand sterling. Most of the work of enlargement would be done in Britain before the dock left for Singapore. It would take three years to complete.

The amount required to be spent on the floating dock, on getting it in place, and making the necessary roads, etc., etc., was estimated at £275,000.

The full programme, including a graving dock, was still being considered.

TALK OF DISARMAMENT.

Replying to a question regarding President Coolidge's proposal for a disarmament conference, Mr. Bridgeman said we would be only too glad if it were possible, compatible with the security of this country, to arrange anything for lessening the cost of armaments. Everything we were doing was in accordance with the Washington agreement, outside which we had no desire to go.

It was nonsense to say that our action was provocative. We had had no lust for conquest, nor desire for more territory. All we wanted was to develop our territories and trade. The glamour and glory of arms did not attract us. We had seen too much misery accompanying it. The world knew we wanted peace and would not think any better of us for getting which would weaken our position.

DEFENCE OF LABOUR.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald defended the action of the Labour Government in holding up the Singapore scheme, on the ground that a period of examination was absolutely necessary, not merely from the viewpoint of national safety but also of the taxpayer. The result of that gesture was the Geneva Protocol.

He asked, what was the objective of the base at Singapore, seeing that America and Japan were both friendly. Experts' theoretical views ought not to dominate the mind.

He saw not the slightest reason why there should not be a substantial reduction in the navy estimates, similarly with last year's.

He was of opinion that the Government's decision in relation to Singapore was most deplorable, as it might upset the whole equilibrium of the East.

The House agreed to the estimates without a division after rejecting a motion by Commander Kenworthy to reduce the personnel of the navy.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

PROFITS FOR LAST SIX MONTHS.

LONDON, March 19th.

At the Bank of England six-monthly Court, the Governor announced that the profits for the six months ended February 28th, after making provision for all contingencies, were £273,022, making, with the "Rest," £2,689,915, and after providing for a dividend of 8 per cent., less tax, the "Rest" is £2,023,007.

INDIAN ASSEMBLY.

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME IN
BENGAL ACT.

DELHI, March 19th.

In the Assembly, Sir Alexander Mudiman announced that His Majesty in Council had assented to the Bengal Ordinance Act for suppression of crime in Bengal.

The whole day was devoted to a discussion of Mr. Patel's Bill proposing to repeal certain special enactments, including the Bengal Regulation of Seditious Meetings Act, which was eventually carried against the Government by 71 to 40, the Swarajists and Independents voting together.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS OF LEAGUE
MATCHES.

BELGIAN ARMY VICTORY.

LONDON, March 19th.

In the first division of the English F.A. League, Bury defeated Blackburn Rovers by one goal to nil.

In the second division, Hull and Middlesbrough played a goalless draw.

INTER-ARMY GAMES.

PARIS, March 19th.

In the Association triangular inter-Army tournament, the Belgian Army beat the French Army by two goals to nil.

The Belgians thus win the championship, having already defeated the British Army.

OBITUARY.

M. NARIMANOV.

MOSCOW, March 20th.

The death is announced of M. Narimanov, President of the Central Soviet Executive Committee.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HERMAN V. HILPRECHT.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20th.

The death is announced of Mr. Herman Volrath Hilprecht, educationist and archaeologist.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TORNADO IN AMERICA.

EYEWITNESS GIVES VIVID
DESCRIPTION OF DISASTER.

"VAST TABLEAU OF DEATH."

SPRINGFIELD, March 20th.

All resources of the Red Cross Society have been placed at the disposal of the victims of the tornado, which, it appears, lasted scarcely five minutes.

It occurred in the middle of the afternoon, when schools, shops and factories were full. The result was that buildings were razed like panicles, and buried their victims in the burning ruins.

An eyewitness, graphically describing the vast tableau of death and destruction, says the firemen realised the hopelessness of coping with the flames and forsook their hoses and turned their attention to rescue. He mentions, as a curious effect, that every tree and fence, which was left standing, was bedecked with garments and bed-clothing entangled in the branches and rails.

IN THE TORNADO ZONE.

CHICAGO, March 20th.

Between rows of dead, many of whom are school-children and some mere babies, long queues of people from the tornado zone last evening passed through improvised mortuaries, searching for missing relatives and friends, while the rescuers delved incessantly into the mountains of debris, under the glare of searchlights and bonfires, hoping to find survivors or extricate the dead.

The havoc along the course of the tornado from Missouri to Indiana is awful. Some of the small towns are virtually obliterated; entire blocks of buildings in the larger places were levelled; fires broke out in many places, increasing the horror of the situation. The number of deaths is estimated still at well over 800 with 3,000 injured, many perhaps fatally.

It is impossible yet to attempt to estimate the damage but certainly it will total millions of dollars.

WORK OF RELIEF.

Relief work is proceeding everywhere, under control of the Federal and State Governments. Red Cross men and soldiers are patrolling the various places as it is feared disease, especially typhus, may break out in the stricken districts. The Red Cross have asked that 600 tubes of anti-typhus serum be despatched by aeroplane to Murphysboro without delay.

(Continued on next column.)

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LITTLE HSU IN FRANCE.

PARIS, March 20th.

General Hsu Shu Tseng ("Little" Hsu) accompanied by Mr. Tcheng Loh, Chinese Minister to France, visited the Le Bourget aerodrome to-day. —Herald.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

FIGHTING AT LOYANG.

TROOPS OF KAN YU KUN IN
STEADY ENGAGEMENT.

PEKING, March 19th.

Reuter's correspondent at Kaifeng to-day reports that steady fighting is still proceeding to the west of Loyang between the troops of Kan Yu Kun and Liu Chen Hua and Hu Ching Yi's forces.

It is reported that the latter have taken Kwangyintang, but the railway from Kwangyintang to the terminus at Shanchow is still retained by Kan Yu Kun.

Loyang has been repeatedly looted by the soldiers of the Second National Army. Many buildings have been destroyed, and the people are in great distress.

Hu Ching Yi is at Kaifeng, but his representatives reached Loyang yesterday, and they are authorised to investigate the situation.

Recruiting for the Second National Army is steadily proceeding.

Sun Yueh is still at Chenchow, but a considerable number of his troops are assisting in the operations at Loyang, while many others, together with Sun Yueh's two aeroplanes, have proceeded north by rail, presumably going to Pootungfu.

There are no Sun Yueh troops in eastern Honan, though for generally 15 miles that the Fengtien forces may seize the opportunity to enter Honan and Hanchowfu.

LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.
REMAINS TRANSFERRED TO
CENTRAL PARK IN PEKING.

PEKING, March 19th.

The streets of the capital were densely packed by thousands of people wearing white rosettes, the badge of mourning, to-day, when the coffin containing the remains of Dr. Sun Yat Sen were transferred to the Central Park, following a private Christian funeral service at ten o'clock in the Peking Union Medical College auditorium, which was attended by the relatives of the deceased and many foreigners.

During the service, which was on the lines of the ordinary Christian funeral, in which a surplined choir of 24 students from the Yenching University, carrying lighted candles, participated. Four hymns, "Able with me," "Jesus, lover of my soul," "Peace, Perfect Peace," and "Beautiful Words of Life," which are attributed to have been Dr. Sun Yat Sen's favourites, were sung, and also a solo, "Crossing the Bar."

The Rev. T. T. Lew and Rev. Y. Y. Tsu officiated.

The service lasted about an hour, the procession forming immediately after wards to convey the remains to the Park. The procession, which was long enough to take half an hour to pass a given point, headed by a detachment of police and the Chief Executive's bodyguard, included several hands playing funeral dirges, delegates representing the Chief Executive, Government, public bodies, one or two labour unions, and also a large party of Russians representing the Soviet, wearing red armbands draped in black and carrying the Red Flag. These were followed by Dr. Sun Yat Sen's relatives, and members of the Kuomintang Executive, carrying the flag of the Canton Administration.

The coffin, which was carried by members of the Kuomintang Committee, was covered by the Kuomintang flag, red with white sun on a blue field. The 48 pallbearers included several Russians.

At the procession slowly wended its way from the Peking Union Medical College to the Central Park, aeroplanes, glided low overhead and a gun fired a salute at five-minute intervals.

The coffin was placed in a shrine in the Park, where the delegates of the various bodies will begin to offer rites from the 24th inst.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE DEATH ROLL.

CHICAGO, March 19th.

According to the latest estimates the tornado casualties are 500 killed and 500 injured in Murphysboro, 350 killed and 900 injured in West Frankfort, 350 killed and 300 injured in Parrish, and 400 killed and 400 injured in Decoto.

Rescue work is hampered by fires, which have attacked the ruins left by the tornado. Murphysboro is still burning; the business quarter being almost wiped out. The buildings are being dynamited to check the conflagration.

LOAN FOR FINLAND.

NEW YORK, March 19th.

A ten million dollar loan to Finland has been placed on the market, and was speedily subscribed.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EARTHQUAKE AT TALIFU.

DISASTROUS FIRE FOLLOWS
SHOOK IN YUNNAN.

FOREIGN RESIDENTS ARE SAFE.

SHANGHAI, March 21st.

The Rev. Mr. Parry, Secretary of the China Inland Mission, has received the following telegram, dated March 19th, from the missionaries at Talifu, West Yunnan: "Talifu destroyed by an earthquake, followed by a disastrous fire. Relief is urgently need. Foreigners are well and safe."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SOVIET AND JAPAN.

NIPPONESE TO EXPLOIT MINERALS
IN SAKHALIN.

MOSCOW, March 20th.

The Vice-Commissary of Trade, in a speech to-day, said arrangements would be made with certain Japanese interests to exploit coal and oil in Sakhalin.

Arrangements to this end would be made when the Japanese evacuation had been completed.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

PEERS PASS PEACE PRESERVATION
BILL IN DIET.

TOKYO, March 20th.

The House of Peers, at to-day's sitting of the Diet, passed the Peace Preservation Bill.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

U.S. MINISTER TO CHINA.
MR. MACMURRAY MAY BE GIVEN
THE POST.

WASHINGTON, March 19th.

President Coolidge is considering the appointment of Mr. MacMurray, Assistant Secretary of State, as the United States Minister to China.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

FIGHTER FROM MANILA.
PANCCHO VILLA PLANS TRIP TO
CALIFORNIA.

MANILA, March 19th.

Pancho Villa has announced that he will leave for America on May 6th on board the *President Seguen* with the clever Cencio, bantamweight champion of the Orient.

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L.C.C. TRAMWAY LOSSES.
£37,798 IN A YEAR.

COMPETITION AND HIGH WAGES.

A joint report of the Finance and

Highways Committee presented to the London County Council states that the revised estimate on the tramways account for the current financial year shows a surplus on working of £194,000.

Against this has to be provided interest on debt, £355,087; repayment of debt, £418,559; less excess of income over expenditure on other items in the net revenue account, £2,829, leaving £771,403, and working out a net estimated deficiency for the year of £276,798.

The chief cause of the deficit are a diminution in traffic and the cost of increasing wages, the settlement of March 21st, 1924, involving an estimated additional cost of £194,000 a year, and the decision of the tribunal for the tramways industry last November, as regards stabilisation of wages and extra payment for night work, an additional cost at the rate of £20,000 a year.

The committee feel that the solution of the present financial difficulties is not to be found in any attempt to increase, by an adjustment of fares, the revenue of the undertaking while working under existing conditions.

LIMITATION OF TRAFFIC.

The committee are hopeful that the London Advisory Committee appointed recently will be able to re-arrange the provision of passenger transport according to the requirements of each district and thus eliminate unnecessary competition.

Without such limitation no lasting remedy can be secured for preventing recurrence of the present position, and in their opinion it is the line along which relief can most legitimately and reasonably be afforded.

It is recommended that if approved by the Treasury no provision be made during 1924-25, and for such further period not exceeding three years, in respect of repayment of capital expenditure for tramway purposes.

In a number of towns, including Wall, Chesham, and Keighley, it has been decided to scrap tramways for trackless cars on account of the cost. Recently also the London United Tramways, Ltd., decided to pull up the rails on their route from Richmond Bridge on the north side of the Thames to Twickenham.

CASE OF DENT AND CO.

JUDGMENT IN H.B.M. SUPREME
COURT, SHANGHAI.

Judgment was delivered by His Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner in H.B.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on March 19th, respecting the motion brought by Mr. A. C. Holborow on behalf of Dent and Co. to review the decision of a portion of his Lordship's judgment delivered on a claim heard by the Court on a previous date to determine the right of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine and the Trustee in the Macleod account of Dent and Co. Mr. R. N. Macleod appeared as advocate.

The judgment is as follows:—
This is a motion under Section 108 (1) of the Bankruptcy Act, 1914, asking this Court to review its decision in a matter in the bankruptcy of Mr. R. V. Dent. It has not been argued that this subsection does not apply to this Court, and I see that the learned Editor of Halsbury (Vol. 2 on p. 308) states that this power to rehear, etc., is a necessary incident of bankruptcy jurisdiction; and that, therefore, Courts exercising that jurisdiction have wider powers than Courts of ordinary jurisdiction in certain limitations on the right to invoke this subsection and the condition under which it should be exercised are stated and probably ought to be observed. I have listened to the arguments addressed to me, and considered them together with what was said at the first hearing. I take it the whole matter is open to me now: I am not tied down by any decision of facts or law made by me in my earlier judgment, where I set out the relevant factors in this matter, and so I need not repeat them. It is in my view very strongly that, inasmuch as the Banque took steps by notice or otherwise to communicate their interest in the debt and securities pledged with them by Dent to the Silk Mill (the original debtor to Dent), they cannot now be heard to claim any shares, as secured creditors, of the fund (the debt) which has been paid by the Mill; that Dent, having by his compromise got the money and the Mill being thus free from this liability to him, is entitled to pass that money on to his Trustee in bankruptcy for his general creditors, owing to the fact that the debt was paid, the documents representing the debt and the securities for it are so much waste paper in the hands of the Banque; and authorities are quoted in support of these contentions, to which I need not refer. Where the argument of the trustee fails to my mind is that he can get no more than his debtor had in this matter; he (the debtor) made a perfectly valid, equitable mortgage of the debt and the securities for it to the Banque, and under these circumstances, applying the doctrine laid down in *White & Carter v. McGregor*, 1962, 1 K.B. 719 (affirmed in *Law & Anderson*, 1911, 1 K.B. 806), the Trustee in Dent's bankruptcy as statutory assignee only of the bankrupt's choose in action takes them subject to all equities existing therein at the date of the commencement of the bankruptcy. I hold therefore again, that the Banque must be treated as secured creditor in respect to this fund. I confess to some doubt whether the money ever actually reached Dent or an agent for him; at any rate, it was never entered in his books as having been paid by the Mill. The motion was therefore dismissed with costs.

TALKING WITH THE DEAD.

THOMAS EDISON'S REMARKABLE
PRONOUNCEMENT.

An American news agency recently asked Mr. Thomas A. Edison for his views on the possibility of eventual communication with the departed. The secretary who arranged the interview volunteered the admonition: "You must not ask Mr. Edison about communication with the dead. Mr. Edison has been so misrepresented in regard to that delicate matter that if you mention it to him he will go right up in the air."

Despite this dire warning, the forbidden question was the first one ventured: "Do you think it possible, Mr. Edison, that you may devise any mechanism through which, when you have left this life, you may hope to communicate with us?"

The wonder-wizard of communication did not go up in the air. He answered graciously and fully. But he was cautious against misquotation. He took a pencil and a pad and wrote carefully this fundamental part of his statement:—

"If my theory is correct—that the machine called 'mariconi' is only a mass of dead matter and that the real life is in the millions of individual units which navigate this machine and if on the destruction of the machine they keep together, including those individuals which have charge of memory (which is our personality)—then I think it is possible to devise apparatus to receive communications if they desire to make them. It will be very difficult, as each individual as to time is beyond the limits of our present microscopes."

Having thus marked severely his notes and bounds, Mr. Edison relaxed into frank talk. He stoutly insisted that he be understood as not meaning any such moot thing as "spiritistic messages, so-called."

He means messages as substantial and as susceptible of authentication as are those of the telegraph, telephone, phonograph, and radio. There shall be no "medium," no mystery, no superstition, no "automatic" known as "faik."

His method, to serve as all, must absolutely guarantee the integrity of the communication it conveys and guard positively against any possible doubt, dispute or misconception.

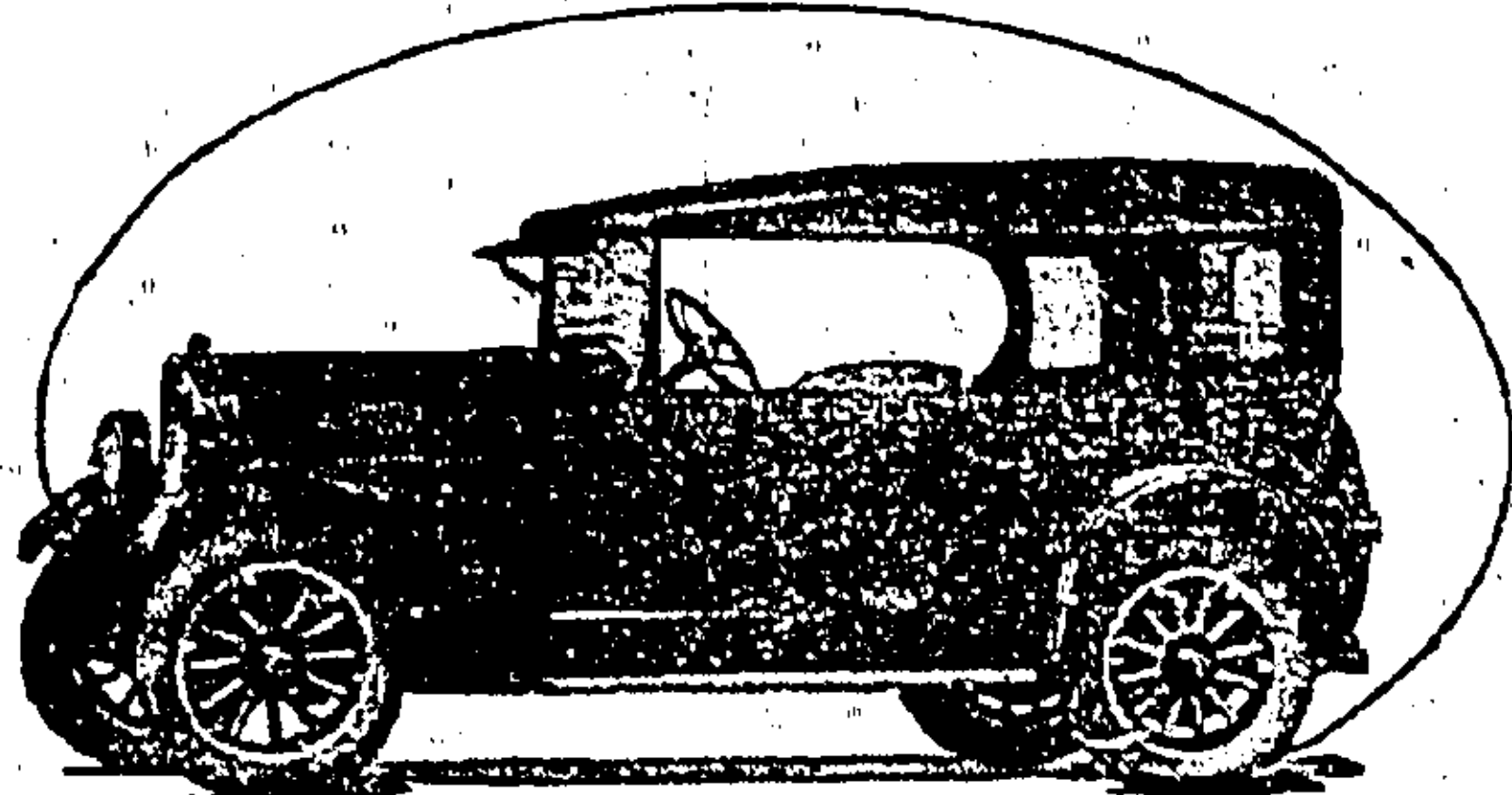
It goes without saying that communication with the dead, thoroughly authenticated, as Edison says, he must have it, would instantly revolutionize all general existence, reveal a new science, of the essence of life, and open up vast new visions as to the nature and ultimate function of matter.

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FORTUNE IN THE TEA CUP.
COURT REVIEWS AN ANCIENT
CUSTOM.

Fortune-telling by tea-leaves was discussed in the Chancery Division, before Mr. Justice Russell, when he heard an action brought by William Graham Westman, a music-hall artist known as Leo Tree, and Louis Goldsmith, against Sidney McNamara, William C. Nicholson, John G. Garrard, and the Cup of Knowledge (Limited), for an injunction to restrain the infringement of plaintiffs' copyright in an artistic design in a fortune-telling teacup.

Defendants denied infringement. Mr. Preston, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said their design consisted of a scroll or border inside the cup, on which appeared the words: "What does the cup say, I wonder, to-day?" In addition 32 playing cards were displayed inside the cup.

Plaintiff's design, said counsel, embodied in a novel and original form two ideas which were not novel. The judge was no doubt aware of the practice of using tea leaves for purposes of divination. The judge: Is it "a dark man coming from across the sea?" Is that the sort of thing?

Mr. Preston: Yes. When you have drunk the tea you turn the cup up. Tea leaves form a certain design, and from that you discover whether a dark man is coming from across the sea or whether you are going to inherit a large fortune.

THOUGHT TRANSPERENCE

In plaintiff's design, added Mr. Preston, playing cards were also used for the purposes of fortune telling, and their work consisted in a combination of these two ideas in the ornamentation of the teacup.

Mr. Westman was a well-known entertainer, who went in for thought transference, divination, and the like. He was in Australia for many years, and it was there that the idea of combining the tea-leaf practice with the playing-card practice first occurred to him.

Mr. Preston added that Mr. Westman had sold a half share in his design to Mr. Goldsmith for £500. He saw the defendants' cup exhibited for sale in a shop at Ludgate Hill and at Wembley.

ELLA SHIELDS GIVES EVIDENCE.

Miss Ella Shields, the well-known musical artist, gave evidence to the effect that in April, 1922, when touring with her in Australia, Mr. Westman showed her the cup bearing his design.

For the defence, Mr. McNamara stated that when in Sydney in January, 1923, his mother showed him a McRoss fortune-telling cup with a book of rules.

The judge, examining a cup, stated on the design inside the cup one compartment was occupied by a heart, another by a diamond, the third by a spade, and the fourth by a club.

Mr. McNamara added that at that time he had a racehorse running at Sydney and his mother offered to tell his fortune by means of the cup.

Mr. Justice Russell: Did she say your horse would win?—Yes.

You did not win?—No, it ran last. (Laughter.)

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

CENTENARIAN'S VIEW OF THE
MODERN GIRL.

That the modern woman, notwithstanding her beauty treatment, is less beautiful than her great-grandmother, is the opinion of Fulham's oldest resident, Mrs. James Hobden, of 35, Atalanta street, who celebrated recently her 103rd birthday.

"Soap and water," she declares, fresh air, plain, wholesome food, and ten hours' sleep at night were the beauty prescription of my young days, and those were the days when roses adorned the cheeks of every young woman."

Mrs. Hobden, who was born at Brighton on February 1st, 1822, during the reign of George IV., has lived under the rule of five sovereigns. She can recall quite distinctly the accession of Queen Victoria to the Throne and her marriage later to the Prince Consort.

PRETTY CRINOLINES.

"I was considered to resemble the Queen very greatly in those days," she said. "In fact, on one occasion, when I was out driving in Brighton with my mistress, whose maid I was, a well-known clubman who saw us laid a five-pound wager that I really was her Majesty staying in the town incognito."

"We wore crinolines then," she added, "and they were very pretty, too, with their frills and flounces, much nicer than the skinny skirts women wear nowadays."

"But there," she said, "although women show her legs and shingles her hair, I suppose she pleases the modern young man, for he marries her in preference to what I call the homely girl."

Asked to what she attributed her marvellous longevity, Mrs. Hobden said: A determination to take trouble, light work, steady habits and plain food, and—never mind what the prohibitionists say—a glass of good beer.

"Work," she added, "keeps people well and keeps them young."

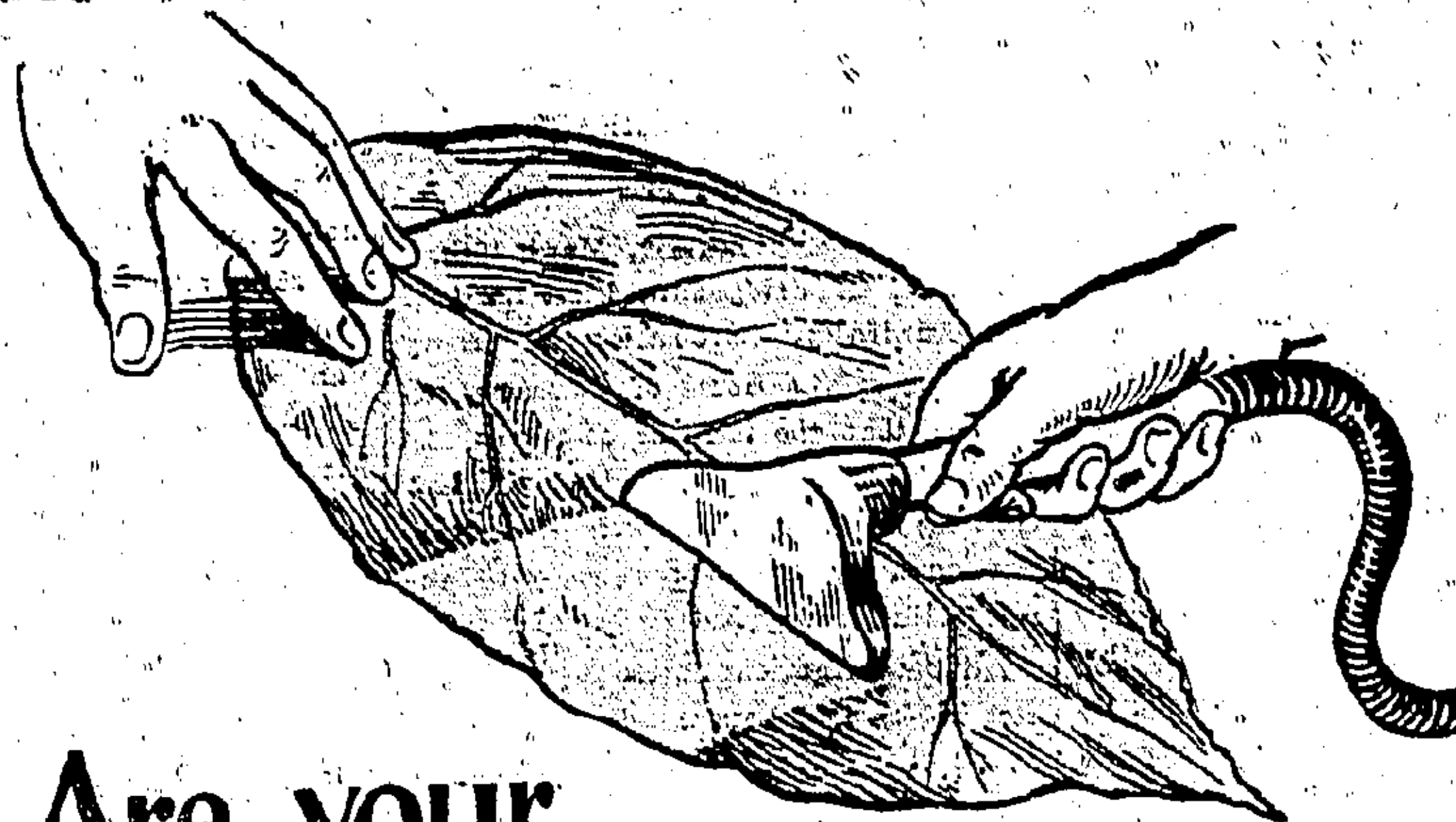
Mrs. Hobden, who has lived in Fulham over 40 years, has been a widow 60 years. Her family is a long-lived only on the paternal side, her father dying at the age of 85 and her grandfather at 90. Her mother died in the early forties.

Only two of the old lady's five children are still living, Mrs. Knight (82) and Mrs. Tovey (81). Mother and daughters are old-age pensioners.

MODERN JOAN OF ARC.

A young woman called at the French Foreign Office recently to see Mr. Herriot. She was asked the reason of her visit, and she replied that she had a mission to fulfil, and that she had come all the way from the Lorraine village of Senonges to Paris because the archangel had told her to do so. Her mission was to inspire M. Herriot's policy.

It was decided that the woman, Cecile Hamard, should be mentally examined. She was born at Verdun, not far from Domremy, the home of Joan of Arc.

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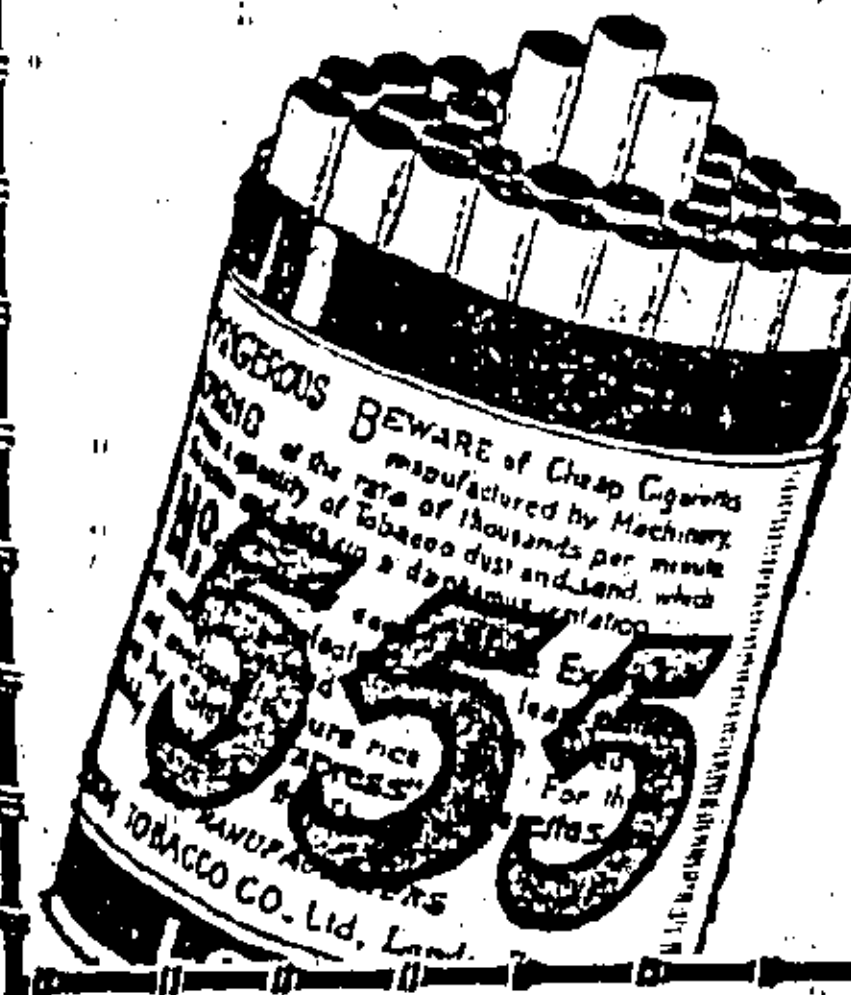
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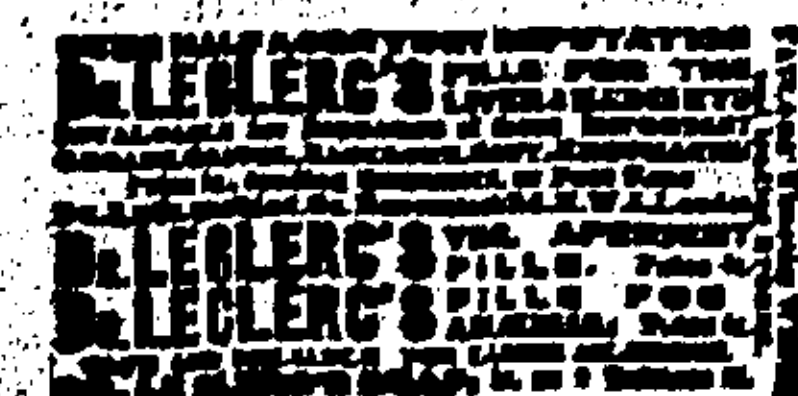
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"TEST MATCH" CAPTAINS. AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL? A VEXED QUESTION.

Should a professional cricketer be allowed to captain England in a Test match? One man says "Yes" and another "No." There is a conflict of opinion, a controversy in the midst of a series of struggles to which there is no parallel. Nothing could be more inappropriate wrote Tityrus recently in the *Athletic News*. The time is out of joint, and the discussion as execrable as a joke at a funeral.

That any cricketer, above all men, should say a word of such a time to suggest that Arthur Gilligan is not the leader in whom we all put our trust in whom the whole team has not implicit and unwavering confidence, is deplorable. Surely Gilligan has enough to do to contend against the Australians and a team of his own that is not physically sound.

Although it has almost seemed as if Parkin is pursuing a feud commenced last summer, perhaps it were wiser to think that the Lancashire professional has spoken for his class, and Lord Hawke for his class.

Parkin says: "Why not Hobbs, as super-captain?" Lord Hawke says: "I publicly to God that no professional may ever captain England." The famous Yorkshire leader declares that he spoke as he felt, and no doubt the professional was, in his way, just as frank and blunt. It would have been much better for both of them had neither ever spoken.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE.

If such a point had to be raised and debated it would have been wiser to wait until the middle of March, when the equality of Arthur Gilligan could not possibly have been disturbed.

Who shall decide, when doctors disagree, and soundest cricketers doubt, let you and me!

For even Gilbert Jessop, and Percy Fender do not agree with Lord Hawke. Jessop seems to apprehend the time when a professional will be the captain of a team, and views the prospect with serenity. Fender has quite an open mind, and does not see why the death of cricket would follow the moment a professional captained a side.

Sir Edwin Stockton regards the "whole thing" as "very regrettable" and got in the best interests of sport.

Lord Hawke, in what must be taken as an outburst, avowed that had Parkin been a Yorkshire player he would never have been played again—or words to that effect.

And all this hubbub while the English eleven is fighting for the prestige of their country. To see English cricketers quarrelling among themselves over a point of etiquette at such a time is simply mad-making.

PROFESSIONAL CAPTAINS OF OLD.

Let us leave Arthur Gilligan, Hobbs, and all the controversialists out of the question. Let us avoid the personal equation, and think quietly and deeply over this subject.

It is not a sound proposition to say that because an amateur, a gentleman if it so please, has always captained England, therefore the existing state of things must continue. In the first place the "fact" embodied in this thesis is not true.

Let us not forget that H. H. Stephenson, George Parr, James Lillywhite, Alfred Shaw, and Arthur Shrewsbury were all captains of English tourists in Australia. E. M. Grace did not refuse to play under George Parr, but he is the only amateur to be found among the teams that these worthy professionals, who were the pioneers of Test matches, had the pleasure of taking out to the land of the golden fleece.

Since 1887-88 there has been a constant succession of gentlemen in command. It is not on record that cricket suffered because Shaw, Shrewsbury, and Lillywhite being captains. They avowedly took parties to Australia to play cricket for the purpose of making money. But the old professional captains knew how to conduct themselves.

If any English player, by which is meant a professional, was placed in charge to-day there need be no fear that he would not conduct himself as a man, and behave quite as well as any other man in all essential matters.

Because a cricketer is a professional he need not be tabooed from any position in the game, nor even from any office of State. In these days of Labour Governments a man is to be taken at his own word. Generally the answer to the question:—Who shall captain England? is the obvious one—the best man for the position; not necessarily the best player.

THE CARES OF CAPTAINCY.

Yet it is very difficult to hold fast to this plain and simple reply. It seems necessary to go back to fundamentals. We should remember that cricket is a game. Years ago when Colin Blythe could not play for England because he was liable to have a fit, there were lamentations, in the midst of which A. C. MacLaren said:—Let us not forget that after all cricket is only a game. Blythe is not called upon to risk his life for that.

Cricket is a game—but it is in danger of becoming very like a business. Let us all try to preserve the spirit of a game in which professionals are employed because of their skill, to give of their best, and that everything should be done to enable them to make the most of the talents that they have so assiduously cultivated. The professional wants to be a successful player, and the more successful he is the better.

To place the cares of captaincy, the responsibility of office, and the hundreds of worries on the shoulders of a professional who is played for his great skill, would not be fair to him, and might very easily not be in the best interests of the side. The greatest of batsmen and bowlers might easily fail under such a burden.

Arthur Shrewsbury declined the captaincy of Nottinghamshire. It is not a position to be coveted, and it by no means follows that the cleverest professional in the world would be the best captain in the world. Let us leave the professional unhampered to play his own game. That is what he is employed for.

(Continued on next Column)

THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE. BY A LADY JOURNALIST.

I have lived in many places, and my long experience of life tells me that most of the troubles which rob women of health and happiness, and shorten their lives, are due to neglect. I don't wish to frighten you, but I could tell you tales of the terrible miseries endured because girls were in a poor state of health when they crossed the border line between girlhood and womanhood, or because women neglected their health about the changeable season of life.

It is from actual experience of these different classes of women that I know, firstly, that long life depends upon regular health, and good regular health upon the well-being of the organs of digestion. The principal organs, of course, are the stomach, liver and bowels, and they are so allied in the work they do, that if one of them gets out of order, the others usually follow suit. Of course, the stomach gets out of order very easily, especially if we don't take our meals regularly, or eat what doesn't agree with us, but I am sometimes inclined to think that constipation is woman's worst enemy.

In young women, constipation is often the first cause of anaemia, and in older women, it is a source of great danger as well as a most miserable complaint. But when you take the three chief organs of digestion, and remember that if they are out of order, we can have pains after eating wind in the stomach, headaches, biliousness, constipation, nervousness, anaemia, and the terrible troubles which women suffer in silence, you will readily see that nothing could be more important than to keep these organs in thorough working order.

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LEADER TO BE PREVENTED.

As cricket is a game, it should be the aim of the M.C.C. and the Boards of Control, on both sides of the world, to encourage amateurism; to entice those who play for the game.

It is difficult to ignore all class distinctions. Amateurs have refused to be ordered about on a field by professionals. Many of them have objected, and they seem to be only human. Again, a professional captain might have some difficulties with his amateur professional players, who are not visible on the field, but in the dressing-rooms where tongues might wag without restraint.

In the old days to which reference has been made the Test matches, so-called, were not really between Australia and England. A party of professionals, exploiting the game, quite honestly he it said, had no right to call themselves "England." Now these Tests are representative of all classes who play cricket in England.

The leader, preferably, should be a typical English gentleman, who has the education, the natural courtesy, the charm of manner, and perhaps even the wealth to grace any assembly or social event, and to make our Colonies feel that the old country, that "Home" can still send forth true-born English gentlemen with our love of a game for the sake of a game.

This is not the least reflection upon the professional, who in the mature opinion of thinking people, is paid to play, and not to lead. Let it be remembered that cricket is a game, and that it is even far better to keep it so and encourage amateurs than to win Test matches.

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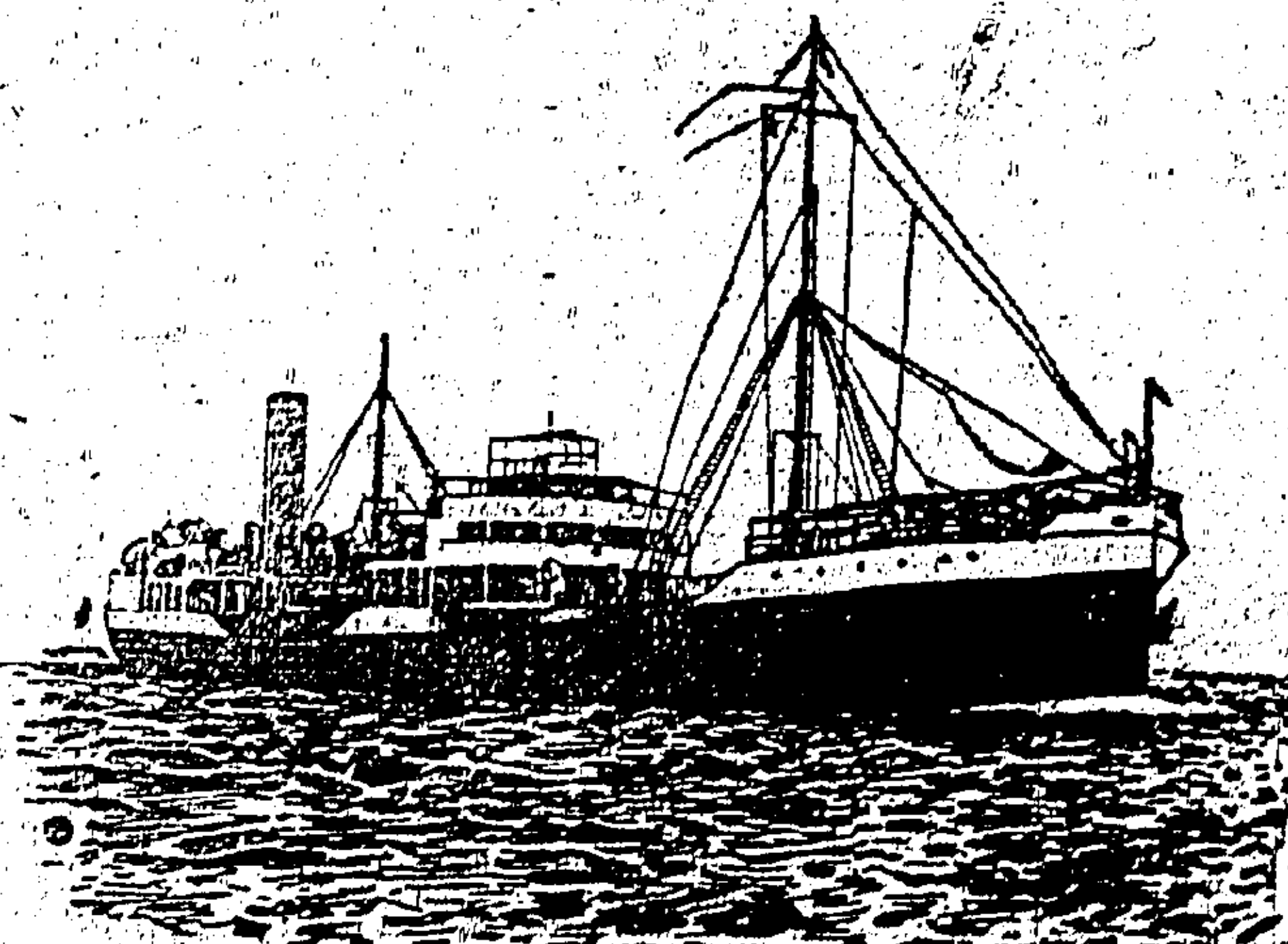


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EUROPE via Suez (Letters & Papers)	Karmala ...	21st March
London, 19th Feb. and Parcela	Pres. Grant ...	21st March
MANILA	Namazing ...	21st March
STRAITS	Seachuan ...	21st March
SHANGHAI	Agapenor ...	21st March
SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Lucrow ...	21st March
(London, 27th February)	Swep. of Franco ...	21st March
SHANGHAI	Situa Maru ...	22nd March
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	Changsha ...	23rd March
SHANGHAI	Shanghai ...	23rd March
STRAITS	Carl Lager ...	23rd March
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Alaska Maru ...	24th March
STRAITS	Takuma ...	24th March
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Madison ...	25th March
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Russia ...	25th March
JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Overseas ...	25th March
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	St. Albans ...	3rd April

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For	Per	Date
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Borneo ...	Saturday, 21st, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central	Parcels for Canada only ...	8.00 A.M.
and South America, and EUROPE	Registration ...	8.15 A.M.
via VANCOUVER, B.C. due	Letters ...	10.00 A.M.
Vancouver, B.C., 6th April		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S.	Kashgar ...	Registration 9.45 A.M.
Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via	Letters ...	10.30 A.M.
Marseilles due Marseilles 18th April	Taiwan ...	11.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Velland ...	12.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Phuapah ...	1.30 P.M.
Batavia	Batavia ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S.	Pres. Grant ...	Parcels ... 3.00 P.M.
America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.	Reg. ...	4.15 P.M.
due Victoria, B.C., 10th April	Letters ...	5.00 P.M.
Ship sails at 5 p.m. on Sunday,		
22nd Mar.		
Amoy	Kuangsi ...	5.00 P.M.
Saigon	Provincet ...	5.00 P.M.
Hohow and Haiphong	Mingang ...	Sunday, 22nd, 8.20 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kiyo Maru ...	9.00 A.M.
*Shanghai and Japan	Karmala ...	9.00 A.M.
*Swatow and Bangkok	Kuangchow ...	9.00 A.M.
Wei Wai Wei	Husan ...	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A.,		
*Canada, Central & South America	Tenjo Maru ...	Monday, 23rd, 9.45 P.M.
& EUROPE via San Francisco	Registration ...	10.30 A.M.
due San Francisco, 11th April	Letters ...	
and Europe via Siberia (correspondence		
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*Shanghai and Japan	Sowa Maru ...	10.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Linsang ...	1.00 P.M.
Straits and Egypt	Agapenor ...	2.30 P.M.
Amoy	Shoakua ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Hidongang ...	3.30 P.M.
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Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & S.	Achilles ...	Parcels, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
America & EUROPE via Victoria,	Registration ...	9.45 A.M.
B.C. due Victoria, B.C., 15th	Letters ...	10.30 A.M.
April		
Swatow & Bangkok	Chakang ...	Tuesday, 24th, 8.30 A.M.
Yuenang	Yuenang ...	2.00 P.M.

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On Paris	Bank Bills on demand ...	1.040
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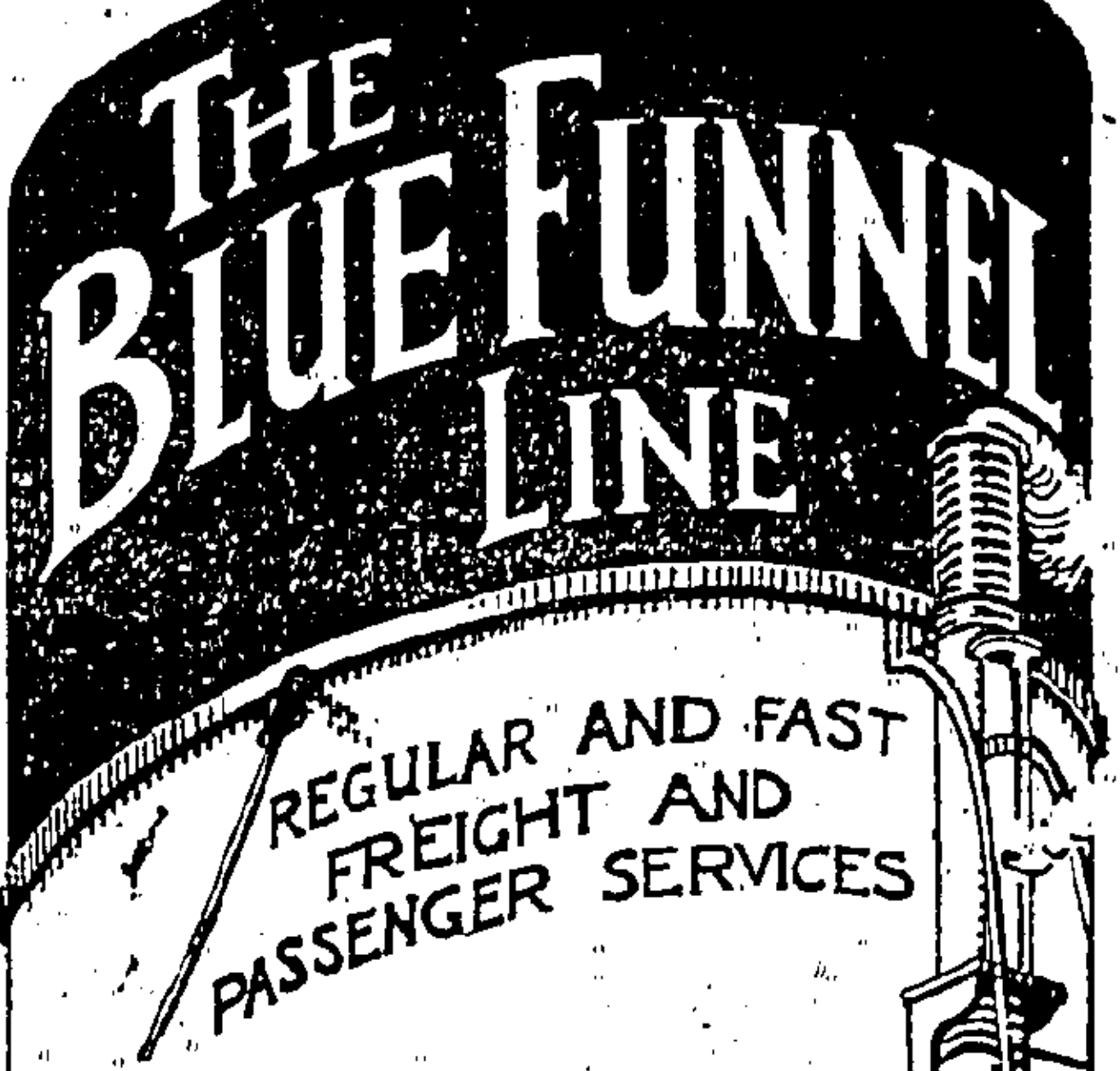
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